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Bethany Church 7th April 1825.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the appointment of Synod, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. James McRee D.D. from John XIV Chap. 16th & 17 verses. After which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers	Elders
Rev. James Hall DD.	Mr. Thomas Harris.
" James McRee D.D.	" Alexander Long.
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick.	" John Stephenson.
" Jonathan C. Freeman.	" David Ramsour.
" Joseph E. Bell.	" William S. Johnston.
" Daniel Gould.	" Abel Graham
" Sotyre M. Erwin.	" John Duckworth.
" James Stafford	

Absent.

Rev. Hugh Wilson & Rev. Chauncy Eddy.

Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Joseph E. Bell, Clerk.

Rev. James C. Crane, from the Presbytery of Niagara, being present, was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member.

Adjourned to meet at this place, to morrow morning at 9 o'clock Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning 9 o'clock. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer, and read the Minutes of yesterday.

All papers intended to be laid before the Presbytery, were called for and read.

A request from the Rev. James Hall, praying that he might be exempt from attending the Judicatories of the church was introduced, considered and granted. Mr. Hall's indisposition, both of body and mind, induced the Presbytery to pursue this measure ——

A call, from the congregations of Prospect, for half the ministerial labors of Henry N. Pharr, was introduced and read; and as it appeared, that the other half of Mr. Pharrs labors were employed in another place, the call was presented to Mr. Pharr, and accepted by him.

Whereupon Resolved, that Presbytery meet at Prospect church, on the Second Wednesday in June next, for the ordination of Mr. Pharr, and for other purposes.
Ordered that Mr. Pharr prepare a Sermon on John III Chap. and 3 verse: and a Lecture on Acts XVI. Chap. from the 25th to the 31 verse inclusive: and, for examination, as usual in such cases. That the Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick preach the ordination Sermon and the Rev. James M. Ree DD. preside and give the charge.

Mr. Abner W. Gay appeared before us, and desired to be received upon a course of trials preparatory to the gospel ministry. He produced satisfactory testimonials of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the Church. He was examined upon experimental religion; also upon literature, and his motives for seeking and introduction to the gospel ministry: which examinations were considered and sustained.
Mr. William A. Hall, delivered a Sermon from Psalm XXXVIII and 8 verse, previously assigned him: Sustained.

Rev. Joseph E. Bell, was chosen Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and directed to make a Presbyterial report to the General Assembly

Ordered that the Members and Licentiates supply our vacancies in the following manner Viz.

Rev. James Hall D.D.			
" James M. Ree	2d.	1 Sabbath at _____	and 1 at Discretion
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	1	at Lexington	& 1 Do
Jonathan C. Freeman	1	at Lexington	& 1 Do

Rev. Joseph E. Bell	1	at Salem	& 1 at Discretion
" Daniel Gould	1	at Wilkesboro,	1 at Do.
" John M Erwin	1	at Smyrna	1 at Do.
" James Stafford	1	at Lexington	1 at Do.
" William F. Watt			2 at discretion,
" Henry N. Pharr			2 at Do.

Adjourned, to meet at Mr. Halls, this Evening at 7 Oclock: concluded with prayer.

Mr. Halls 7 P.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment. All present, except those absent with leave. Constituted with prayer, and read the minutes of today

The candidates, - Messrs. Hall and Gay, were examined upon the Confession of Faith to the end of the VII Chap: and upon Ecclesiastical History to the end of the 7 th Century: Sustained.

Ordered, that Mr. Hall prepare a Sermon on Romans X ch 8 v. and that Mr. Gay prepare a Sermon on John X Ch 27 28 verses: and that both of them prepare for examination on the Confession of Faith, from the 8 th to the 18 chapter inclusive; and on Ecclesiastical History, from the 8 th to the end of the 14 th Century

Adjourned to meet at the Church, tomorrow morning 9 Oclock Concluded with prayer

Bethany Church 9th April 1825.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. All the members present Constituted with prayer; and read the minutes of yesterday.

Rev. James Stafford was appointed and commissioned to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly.

Rev. Joseph E. Bell was appointed Treasurer of the Presbytery, and ordered to pay Mr. Stafford the contributions raised for the Commissioners fund.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward the Presbyterian Report to Mr. Stafford, or by mail, to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Ordered that Rev. Messrs. McRee, Gould, Freeman & Pharr, supply one Sabbath each, in Mr. Staffords charge, during his absence.

Rev. Messrs. McRee and Kilpatrick were appointed a committee to devise a plan for the better supply of our Vacancies; and ordered to report at the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Gay delivered a Sermon from John III Ch & 3 verse, which was considered and Sustained.

The following sums were paid into the Commissioners Fund.

By Rev. James McRee D.D.	$3.		By Messrs. James Hill	$.	cts 25
J.D. Kilpatrick	3		David Ramsour	2.	00
J.C. Freeman	3		Alex Long	1.	00
J.C. Bell	3		Jno. Duckworth	1.	00
D. Gould	3		Abel Graham	1.	00
J. M. Erwin	3		D. Hall	1.	00
J. Stafford	3		R. Johnston	1.	00
	21			7.	25

Amounting to $28.25. which was paid to Mr Stafford according to order: also $84.50/100 for the Theological Seminary at Princeton and the Presbyterian report to the General Assembly.

Recommend that our next Stated Sessions be held at Unity Church in Lincoln County, on the first Thursday in September next.

The minutes were read, and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Prospect Church on the Second Wednesday in June next. Concluded with prayer.

Jos. D. Bell Clerk

Prospect Church. 8th June 1825

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment Constituted by prayer.

The Moderator, the Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick, was present; and Rev. John M. Erwin was chosen Clerk pro. tem.

Members Present.	Elders
Rev. James McRee D.D.	Mr. Francis Beaty
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" James Graham
" Jonathan C. Freeman	" Samuel Culberson
" John M. Erwin	

Absent.

Rev. Joseph C. Bell. Daniel Gould, James Stafford and Chauncey Eddy

Mr. Henry J. Pharr delivered a Lecture from Acts 16 chap. from the 25 to the 31 verse inclusive. Sustained. And a Sermon from John 3 chap. 36 verse. Sustained. Mr. Allen D. Metcalf appeared, and delivered a popular Sermon from 2 Cor. 7 chap. 1 verse; and a Lecture from John 3 chap. from 1 to 16 verse inclusive; both of which were Sustained. Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick requested the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between him and the church of Unity; and as there was a delegate from that Church present, declaring their consent to have the said relation dissolved; the request was, therefore, granted.

A petition from the churches of Unity and Joppa, was presented to Presbytery, requesting the ordination of Mr. William F. Watts, as an Evangelist. After some discussion, as to the propriety of granting the request of those churches; a decision was postponed till to-morrow morning. On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mr John McKnight's this evening at 7 Oclock. Mr. McKnight's 7 Oclock. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Members present as above, except

Dr. M. Ree. who was absent by leave. Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr. Pharr on those things required by the discipline previous to ordination; and Mr. Allen D. Metcalf, in order to licensure: both of which examinations were sustained. Adjourned to meet at the church tomorrow at 9 O'clock: concluded with prayer.

Prospect church. June 9th. The Presbytery met according to adjournment & constituted by prayer. The minutes of yesterday and last night were read. The petition of the churches of Unity & Joppa was again taken up. And it was resolved, on account of the destitute situation of those churches, and the prospect of Mr. Watts usefulness to them; that the Presbytery should meet for the purpose of ordaining him as an Evangelist at Unity, on the Friday preceding the third Sabbath in July next.

Mr. J. Coleman was appointed to preach the ordination Sermon, and Mr. Gould to preside and give the charge; or in case of his absence, that. John M. Erwin supply his place. Mr. Watts is requested to prepare a Sermon on Romans 5 chap. 1 verse; and for examination, on those subjects required by our discipline, in such cases. After a Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick, on 2 Timothy 2 chap & 15 verse, Presbytery proceeded to ordain Mr. Henry N. Pharr, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery. The Rev. James M. Ree D.D. presided and gave the Charge, to the newly ordained Bishop & the people. Mr. Allen D. Metcalf having gone through the usual course of trials, Presbytery proceeded to license him to preach the gospel, wherever he may be called by the providence of God. [Which license was in the following words viz:]

At Prospect church, the 9th of June 1825. The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Allen D. Metcalf; of his having gone through a regular course

of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction, as to his accomplishment in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said Allen D. Metcalf, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery or wheresoever else he shall be orderly called."

The Presbytery assigned to Mr. Metcalf the following appointments. Two Sabbaths at Wilkesborough, and two at Ashville. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Unity church, the Friday preceding the third Sabbath in July next. Concluded with prayer.

Signed Jno. M. Erwin
Clerk pro. tem.

Unity church, Rowan County. 15 July 1825.

The Presbytery of Concord met agreeably to adjournment.

Members Present	Elders
Rev Jos. D. Kilpatrick	John Gallivay
Jon. C. Freeman	Alexander Long
Daniel Gould	Robert Johnston
Jno. M. Erwin	Josiah Giles
James Stafford	Francis Beaty
Henry N. Pharr	Samuel Cuthbertson

Absent.

Rev. James M. Ree D.D. Joseph C. Bell and Hugh Wilson. The Moderator Rev. Jos. D. Kilpatrick being present, constituted with prayer. Henry N. Pharr

was appointed Clerk.
The design of this meeting being the ordination of Mr. William T. Watt, Presbytery proceeded to take the different parts of trial assigned him at a previous meeting. Mr. Watt delivered a Sermon from Romans 5 chap 8 1 verse. He was also examined on the discipline and government of the Presbyterian church &c. as is usual in such cases. Examinations & trials, Sustained.
Mr. Watt having passed the usual trials preparatory to ordination, and the Presbytery being satisfied with his state of preparation for entering upon the discharge of all the duties of the Holy ministry; Resolve, that on tomorrow they ordain Mr. Watt an Evangelist.
Adjourned, with prayer, to meet at this place, tomorrow morning at 11 Oclock.
Saturday morning July 16th 1825.
Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer.
The ordination Sermon was preached by the Revd Jonathan C. Freeman, from Acts 26 ch. 24 verse. Then with Solemn prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Watt was ordained and set apart to the labors of the gospel ministry.
Rev. Daniel Gould presided and gave the charge to the new ly ordained Bishop, and a Solemn exhortation to the people. Adjourned to meet at Unity (in Lincoln) on the first Thursday of September next. Concluded with prayer.

Signed Henry A. Pharr
Clerk. pro. tem.

Unity (in Lincoln) 1st September 1825.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment; — A Sermon was delivered by the Rev Joseph D. Kilpatrick, the Moderator, from Mark 16 chap & 15 verse. Constituted with prayer.

Present.	Elders
Rev James McRee DD.	Mr. Robert McPherson
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" Robert Johnston
" Jonathan C. Freeman	" Thomas L. Craven
" Joseph E. Bell	" John Hoke
" Hugh Wilson	"
" Daniel Gould	" Andrew Allison
" John M. Erwin	" James Hill
" James Stafford	" Richard Gillespie
" Henry A. Pharr	" Alexander Brevard
	" John Duckworth

Absent Rev. Chauncey Eddy.
Rev. John M. Erwin, was chosen Moderator & Rev. Joseph E. Bell, Clerk.
The minutes of our last Stated Sessions, as well as those of Prospect and Unity, were read.
It appeared, from the minutes of the intermediate Session of Prospect, that Mr. Henry A. Pharr, was ordained and installed as the Pastor of Prospect church; he took his seat as a member, according to our discipline.
The same minutes inform us of the licensure of Mr. Allen D. Metcalf, to preach the gospel.
From the minutes of the intermediate Session of Unity we are informed that William T. Watt, was ordained as an Evangelist. Mr. Watt is absent, by indisposition.
From the reports of the members and licentiates, it appears that the order of Supplies has been generally fulfilled. A few failures occurred; but were excusable, and excused.

Calls, supplications and papers intended to be laid before Presbytery, were now requested
Rev James Stafford, our Commissioner to the General Assembly, produced a receipt from the treasurer of that body, for $139 25/100 and in all things discharged the duties of his commission.

Mr. John Killiman, a licentiate of the Orange Presbytery appeared and expressed a desire to be taken under our care and direction. He produced a dismission from that body, and was received as a Licentiate in good standing with us.

From the minutes of the General Assembly, it appears to be the duty of this Presbytery to compile the history of its formation. The Presbytery, in order to meet the object of General Assembly in this case, appointed a committee, composed of the Rev. Messrs. Kilpatrick, Freeman and Stafford, whose duty it is to write the history of this Presbytery, and to send it, when written to the proper persons, without delay.

The Presbytery unanimously agreed to the proposed alteration of the 2nd Section of the 12 Chap. of the Form of Government, as noticed in the minutes of the last General Assembly. Ordered that the Stated Clerk notice this in his next report to that body.
Adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 9 Oclock
Concluded with prayer

September 2nd 1825. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer, and read the minutes of yesterday
The Committee to devise a plan for the better supply of our Vacancies, asked leave to report, tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock, which was granted
Mr. William A. Hall, was examined upon the

confession of faith, from the 8 to the 18 chap inclusive and upon Ecclesiastical History from the 8 to the 14th Century inclusive: which were sustained and sustained.

Rev. John Williamson, from the Presbytery of Mecklenburg being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

Mr. William A. Hall delivered a sermon, from Romans 10 chapter and 1 verse previously assigned him: Sustained

Ordered that Mr. Hall prepare a sermon on Isaiah 53 chap & 1st verse; and an Exegesis on the theme, Estne filius patri aequalis. And for examination, upon the confession of faith, from the 19 chapter, to the end; and upon Ecclesiastical History, the 15 & 16 Centuries.

The following persons obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery: Rev. Messrs. Gould and Stafford: also Elders. Hoke, Hillo. Allison, Gillespie and Johnston.

The absentees, at the intermediate Sessions of Prospect and Unity were excused.

The following persons paid, into the Contingent fund, the sums annexed to their names. Revd Messrs. McRee $1. Kilpatrick $1 Freeman $1. Bell $1. Wilson — Gould $1. Erwin $1. Stafford $0.90. Pharr $1. Messr. Hoke $1. Cowan $0.50. Brevard $1. Duckworth $1. Amounting to $11.40. Adjourned 'till tomorrow 9 Oclock A.M.
Concluded with prayer

September 3 — 1825. The Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer, and read the minutes of yesterday

Rev. Robert H. Morrison, of the Presbytery of Fayetteville being present, was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member.

The committee for the supply of Vacancies reported the report was considered, and approved, and is as follows Viz:

"Your committee, in making their report for the better Supply of the vacancies, have felt themselves exceeding embarrassed difficulted in recommending any plans which they hope might be successful; but have supposed as the best measure, or expedient at present; —

That each member of Presbytery be directed to supply one Sabbath, in a vacancy specified; commencing his labors, as early in the week preceding the Sabbath, as possible; and continuing there as late in the following week, as may allow him time to reach his own charge on the next sabbath; putting in the common days of the week, in attending, in the most suitable or promising places, in catechising, prayer-meetings or preaching; with a view of resuscitating those declining Societies or of forming new ones. And that each member report in writing, his labors, and the prospect of usefulness; with the number of communing members in each place.

Signed James M. Kee
Jos. D Kilpatrick

Rev. Hugh Wilson obtained leave of Absence

Rev. James M. Kee D.D. desired to be released from the Pastoral charge of Center congregation: and as there were three

representatives of that congregation present, who being authorized to act in this business; were interrogated upon the subject; and after expressing their inability to give Dr. M. Kee that compensation, which his services demanded, with regret, agreed that the request of Dr. M. Kee should be granted.

Wherefore resolved, that the Pastoral connexion between the Rev. James M. Kee D.D. and the congregation of Center, be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and the congregation of Center is declared Vacant.

Ordered that the members & licentiates supply our vacancies as follows Viz:

	Sabbath	Sabbath
Rev James M Kee DD.	1 at Ashville &	1 at Swananoa
" Jos. D. Kilpatrick	1 at Unity &	1 at Soppa
" Jon. C. Freeman	1 at Jersey &	1 at discretion
" Jos. E. Bell	1 at Carbank &	1 at discretion
" Danl Gould	1 at Center &	1 at Soppa
" Jno M. Erwin	1 at Smyrna &	1 discretion
" Jas Stafford	1 at Center &	1 at Jersey
" H. N. Pharr	1 at Smyrna &	1 at discretion
" Jno Silliman	1 at Muddy creek &	1 at discretion
" A. D. Metcalf	1 at Ashville	1 at Swananoa & 1 at Rims creek.

"Whereas the Rev. Chauncey Eddy has left the congregations of Morganton and Quaker meadows; and although he has taken no dismissions, those churches are vacant: & whereas the delay of Mr. John Silliman's dismission, has prevented him from being received as a Licentiate under our care, till the present Sessions, and likewise has prevented the people of Morganton from preparing a call for Mr. Silliman to minister to them; and

whereas
an Elder from Morgantown States that, for want of an ordained minister of their own, the people are leaving the church, and joining other denominations. And further States that the people are extremely desirous that Mr. Sillimans should be ordained, and become their minister: and [illegible], that there is no doubt but that a call will be presented as soon as one can be drawn. Therefore

The Presbytery, after mature deliberation, with sympathy for the destitute and suffering church at Morgantown, do agree that Mr. Silliman be ordained and installed as Pastor of Morgantown; or as an Evangelist, as may appear to them proper, when the Presbytery meets at Morgantown

Resolved, that Presbytery meet at Morgantown on the friday before the second Sabbath in November next, for the ordination of Mr. Silliman; and for any other business that may come before them: that the Rev. Joseph E. Bell preach the ordination sermon, and that the Rev James Stafford be his alternate — that the Rev. John M. Erwin preside and give the charge, and that the Rev. Daniel Gould be his alternate.

Ordered that Mr. Silliman prepare a sermon on Mark 1 Chap & 15 verse, latter clause; and a popular lecture on 1 Cor. 15 Chap 1 to 11 v. inclusive; and for examination as directed in our discipline.

A report to Synod was exhibited, approved, and ordered to be forwarded in due time.

Resolved that our next Stated Sessions be held at Center church, on the first thursday in April 1826.

The minutes were read, and Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Morgantown, the friday before the second Sabbath in November next. Concluded with prayer

Attested. Jos. E. Bell Clerk

Morgantown, November 11th 1825.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment

Members Present
Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick
John M. Erwin
Daniel Gould
Henry N. Pharr

with Elders
Robert Pentland

Absent. Rev. Messrs M. Rae, Freeman, B. Craighead, Stafford, Wilson, Eddy, and Watts.

The Moderator, Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick, being present, Presbytery was constituted with prayer. H. N. Pharr was appointed Clerk.

Papers, Calls, Petitions &c. were then called for.

A call from the congregation of Morgantown, for the whole of the ministerial labors of Revd John Silliman, was presented and read.

A letter also, was introduced and read from Abner W. Gay a Candidate under our care, praying a dismission from under the care of this Presbytery, that he may be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, into the bounds of which he has removed.

This petition was considered, and granted in the words following viz: Whereas Abner W. Gay, a Candidate for licensure under our care, has removed beyond the bounds of this Presbytery; and whereas he has, by petition, Signified his wish to us, to be dismissed from under the care of this Presbytery, with permission to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville. Resolved therefore, that the prayer of the petition be, and the same is hereby granted. Ordered that the Stated Clerk furnish Mr. Gay with a copy of this minute, together with a certificate of his progress in the preparatory course of Studies.

The call from the congregation of Morgantown was next taken up. After duly considering this call, it was presented to, and accepted by Mr. Silliman.

Presbytery then proceeded, according to the book of Discipline in the examination of Mr. Silliman, now a Candidate for ordination.

He was examined on Experimental religion; and his views and motives for entering into the Holy ministry. Being satisfied with this examination, Presbytery proceeded to take the different parts of trial usually required of Candidates in such cases.

Mr. Silliman delivered a Sermon from Mark 1 Chapter 15 verse, last clause; and a popular Lecture from 1 Corinthians 15 Chapter 1 to 11 verses inclusive.

These parts of trial were sustained.

Mr. Bell appeared, took his seat, and rendered his excuse for absence till now.

Proceeded in the examination of the Candidate on Theology.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning, at the Academy at half after 9 Oclock

Concluded with prayer.

November 12 — 1825. Place and hour of adjournment. Present, as on yesterday: opened with prayer. Examination of the Candidate continued on Theology, Church History, the government and discipline of the Church &c. All these parts of trial sustained. Mr. Silliman having gone through the requisite trials and examinations preparatory to ordination; and Presbytery being satisfied with his preparation for entering upon the discharge of all the duties of the holy ministry; therefore Resolved that Presbytery now proceed to his ordination.

According to appointment, the ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev.d Joseph E. Bell from Malachi 2 chapter and 7 verse

The candidate and Congregation having answered in the affirmative, the usual questions, and make the requisite promises; by Solemn prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. John Silliman was set apart and ordained to the cobole of the Gospel ministry; and by prayer & Solemn charge installed Pastor of the Congregation of Morgantown.

The Rev. John M. Ewsin presided, offered up the ordination prayer, and gave the Charge to the newly ordained Bishop. The Rev.d Joseph D. Kilpatrick followed with a charge to the Congregation.

Presbytery having gone through the business for which they were particularly convened; adjourned to meet at Center Church (Fredell) on the first thursday of next April next.

Concluded with prayer

Henry N. Pharr
CLERK

Center Church. April 6th A.D. 1826.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon from 2 Corinthians 5 chapter and 20 verse, by Rev. John M. Erwin. Moderator, and constituted by prayer.

Present

	Ministers	Elders
Rev.d	James M.c Ree D.D.	Robert M.cPherson
"	Joseph D. Kilpatrick	James Graham
"	Jonathan C. Freeman	
"	Joseph E. Bell	Charles E. Reinhardt
"	Daniel Gould	
"	John M. Erwin	James Hall
"	James Stafford	Joseph Kerr
"	Henry N. Pharr	David Beattie
"	John Gillimans	John Young from Tabor

Absent Rev. Chauncy Eddy, Hugh Wilson & William F. Watt.

Rev.d James Stafford was chosen Moderator and Rev.d Joseph E. Bell Clerk

The minutes of our last Stated Sessions, and those of the Session at Morganton were read.

The members and Licentiates, upon the order for supplies, reported: a few failures occurred; but were excused.

A reference from the Session of Thyatira church, was introduced and read.

This Reference was founded upon the application of a certain Mr. Houk for church privileges. Mr. Houk was charged with improper conduct, which he denied; and requested an investigation. The Session aforesaid after taking a part of the testimony, referred the matter to the Presbytery, for their decision. The Presbytery proceeded to take the testimony of Doctor John Scott, and postponed the business till tomorrow.

Rev.d Chauncy Eddy, by letter to Rev.d Daniel Gould, requested a dismission from this presbytery that he might attach himself to the Presbytery of Geneva, into the bounds of which he had removed

Wherefore resolved that Rev.d Chauncy Eddy be dismissed from this, and recommended to the Presbytery of Geneva, as a member in good Standing with us. The Stated Clerk is required to furnish Mr. Eddy a copy of this minute

Ordered that the members of this Presbytery strictly observe the Eighth and Ninth Articles of 9th chapter of our book of discipline

Rev. Messrs Erwin and Pharr were appointed a committee to examine the records of the Session of Emanuels church at Lincolnton.

Adourned to meet at General Davidsons this Evening at 6 O'clock.

Concluded with prayer

General Davidson's 6 Oclock P. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.
All present, except those absent with leave.
Mr. William A. Hall was examined upon the Confession of Faith, from the 19 Chapter to the end; and upon Ecclesiastical History, the 15th and 16th Centuries: Considered and sustained.

Mr. Hall then read an Exegesis upon the thesis assigned him, "Estne filius patri aequalis?" which was committed to Messrs Freeman and Gould.
Adjourned to meet at the Church tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock. Concluded with prayer

Center Church, 7th April 1826—

Presbytery met according to adjournment—present, as on yesterday. Constituted by prayer and read the minutes of yesterday and last evening.
The Exegesis of Mr. Hall, was sustained.

The Committee to examine the Records of the Session of Emanuel's church Lincolnton N.C. reported in that the Session had acted in strict accordance to the discipline of the Church.

The reference from the Session of Thyatira was brought forward & examined.
After deliberation, the Presbytery unanimously determined, that the Session of Thyatira would do well, not to receive Mr. Hoke into communion whilst he persists in the denial of the charge alledged against him.

Because the charge was supported by the oath of the woman, just before her death; and her oath was supported by collateral testimony; and there was no evidence to invalidate them, — The charge against Mr. Houk, was confirmed —

The committee appointed to write the history of the formation of this Presbytery, requested to be discharged from the duties assigned them. This request was granted; and Rev. James Stafford was appointed to write the history aforesaid, as soon as practicable —

Rev. Daniel Gould was appointed and commissioned to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly and Rev. Henry N. Pharr was appointed his alternate.

Ordered that Revs. Messrs. Kilpatrick, Freeman, Bell, Stafford, Pharr and Sillimam, supply one Sabbath each, in Mr. Gould's charge during his absence.
Ordered that our Ministers & Licentiates supply our vacancies as follows viz:

		3d at Discretion
Rev. James M'Ree D.D.		
Rev. Jos. D. Kilpatrick	1 at Joppa &	1 — — —
Rev. Jon. C. Freeman	1 at Joppa &	1 — — —
Rev. Jos. E. Bell	1 — — — — &	1 — — —
Rev. Jn° M. Erwin	1 at Smyrna &	1 — — —
Rev. Jas. Stafford	1 at Jersey &	1 — — —
Rev. H. N. Pharr	1 at Center &	1 — — —
Rev. Jn° Sillimam	1 at &	1 — — —
Rev. A. D. Metcalf	2 at Center &	1 — — —

The following Sums were paid into the Commissioners hands

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By Rev. James McRee		00	00
Rev. L.D. Kilpatrick	—	3	00
Rev Jn O Freeman	—	3	00
Rev. J. E. Bell	—	3	00
Rev Jn M Erwin	—	3	00
Rev. D. Gould	—	3	12½
Rev J. Stafford	—	3	00
Rev H. P Farr	—	3	00
Rev L. Silliman	—	3	00
		24	12½

Ordered that the Treasurer pay the above sum of ℔24. 12½ Cents into the hands of Rev David Gould, our Commissioner to the Genral Assembly.

The annual Reports of the churches were received and filed with the Stated Clerk.

Presbytery estimates the distance from this to Philadelphia, 510 miles.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk make a Report to the General Assembly, and send it to Mr. Gould, or to the Stated Clerk of that body —

William A. Hall delivered a Sermon upon the text assigned him, which was sustained

A Petition from Robert Ramsey Junior was introduced and read. In this petition Mr. Ramsey prayed the appointment of a Minister to act as Moderator of the Session of Center Church, for the investigation of a charge alledged against him.

This petition was granted; and Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick was appointed to sit as Moderator of said Session (& Rev. James Stafford, as his alternate), who, with the Elders of Center Church, Gen. General Joseph Graham, Elder of Unity, George Andrews and William Kilpatrick, Elders of Back creek, Joseph Kerr Elder of Hopewell, William Fleming, Elder of Bethpage and Joseph Davidson, Elder of Fourth creek; are to meet at Center Church, on the 9th day of May next for the investigation and determination of the matter contained in Mr. Ramsey's petition.

Major William Falls is appointed Clerk of the Session aforesaid, and is hereby authorised to issue all the necessary citations, and to make a fair record of the proceedings, which shall be and remain a record of the Session of Center Church.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at 9 Oclock. A. M. Concluded with prayer

Center Church 8th April 1826

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Constituted by prayer, and read the minutes of yesterday.

Thomas L. Cowan, Elder from Salisbury arrived and took a seat.

The Moderator read a report of the State of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery, which, approved, was ordered to be conveyed to the General Assembly by our Commissioner.

A resolution was introduced by Rev Henry R. Pharr, in favor of an Indian Mission School

under the care of Rev. Hugh Wilson; which after some discussion, was unanimously adopted

Wz. Resolved that this Presbytery form itself into a Society for the Support of an Indian Mission School now under the care of Rev. Hugh Wilson.

Ordered that Mr. William A. Hall prepare for examination upon Ecclesiastical History from the beginning of the 17th century to the end. A Sermon on Romans 8th chapter and 7th verse, and a popular lecture on the 23rd Psalm. And a general examination upon Theology.

Resolved that our next Stated Sessions be held at Salisbury —

Presbytery under a sense of duty do appoint the last Friday in this month, as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer. Fasting, on account of our sins — humiliation, on account of our unworthiness and the goodness of God, — prayer, for the mercy and favor of the Lord — for the outpouring of grace and glory upon Zion and upon the world — for the Lord to feed the poor, relieve the distressed, and to give us health, fruitful seasons and grateful hearts, that we may live to his glory die in his favor and be with him forever.

The minutes were read, and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Salisbury on the first thursday in September 1826. Concluded by prayer

Jos E. Bell. Clerk

Salisbury 7th September 1826

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at the Court house in this place. A Sermon was delivered by Rev James Stafford, moderator of last Presbytery, from Acts 20th 28 verse. Constituted with prayer.

Present

Rev.d Joseph D. Kilpatrick.	with Elders,
" Jonathan C. Freeman.	George Andrews.
" Daniel Gould.	Thomas L. Cowan.
" John M. Erwin.	Richard Hall.
" James Stafford.	
" Henry N. Pharr.	

Absent

Rev. Joseph E. Bell.
" James McRee D.D.
" Hugh Wilson.
" John Gilleman.

Rev.d Henry N. Pharr was chosen Moderator and Rev. Jonathan C. Freeman, Clerk.

The minutes of our last Stated Sessions were read.

Rev. Mr. Reck, of the Lutheran church, being present was invited to take a seat with us, as a corresponding member.

Rev. Hugh Wilson presented a petition, by the hand of Rev. John M. Erwin, praying to be dismissed from this Presbytery, that he may unite himself with the Presbytery of North Alabama. The prayer of the petition was granted, and the clerk ordered to forward his dismission by mail.

Rev. James Stafford who was appointed to write the history of this Presbytery, reported that owing to the feeble State of his health, he had not attended to the business: further time was allowed him for the purpose.

A committee consisting of Rev. James Stafford Rev. John M Erwin. and Mr George Andrews. was appointed to take into consideration the State of the Education Society.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick and Rev. Daniel Gould was appointed to take up and examine the minutes of the General Assembly, & to report tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock P.

Adjourned to meet in the Lutheran Church, tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock. Concluded with prayer

Friday Sept 8 — 1826

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read. Letters were received from Rev James M. Rea D.D. and Joseph E Bell, containing reasons for their absence, which reasons were sustained.

John M. Cullah, Elder from Thyatira congregation appeared and took his seat.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, reported such matters as belong to Presbytery to notice; which report was received.

The Presbytery have the painful task of recording with deep regret, and sincere affection, the death of the aged and venerable father in the gospel Rev. James Hall. D.D. who died on the 25th day of July A.D. 1826. And of their young and much lamented brother Rev William B Watt, who departed this life on the 11th May A.D. 1826.

Resolved that this Presbytery, agreeably to the resolution of the General Assembly on this subject institute an inquiry, annually at the fall sessions as to the observance of the Sabbath in our churches. Also that each minister be enjoined to preach Sermon

this subject, to his congregation, at least once a year. And also that they engage the cooperation of Church Sessions to suppress the violations of God's Holy Day.

Resolved that the further examination of the amendment in the Confession of faith and book of discipline proposed by the General Assembly, and reported by the committee, be deferred until our next Spring Session.

William A. Hall, a Candidate under the care of this Presbytery, delivered a Sermon, on Romans 8 chapter and 7 verse, which was sustained.

Leander A. Watt having given satisfactory evidence of his good moral and religious standing, and of his being in full communion with the church: and having expressed his desire of being taken under the care of this Presbytery, with a view to the gospel ministry; was examined upon experimental religion and this being sustained: Resolved that he be taken under the care of Presbytery

The Special Session appointed by Presbytery to investigate the case of Robert Ramsey of Center church, reported that they had attended to the business committed to them.

A committee consisting of Rev. Joseph D. Kilpatrick James Stafford, J. D. Coward and Richard Hall was appointed to draw up some rule for the uniform mode of receiving the acknowledgements of offending church members.

Mr. Hall was examined upon

Ecclesiastical History from the 17 Century to the end: and also upon Theology: Sustained

Ordered that the Ministers and Licentiates supply our vacancies as follows Viz:-

Rev James M. Ree	———	3	At Discretion
Jos. D. Kilpatrick	1st Unity &	1	Do
Jon. O. Freeman	1 Centre	1	Do
Jos. E. Bell	———	2	Do
Jn. M. Erwin	1 Smyrna	1	Do
Danl. Gould	1 Joppa	1	Do
Jas. Stafford	———	2	Do
H. A. Pharr	1 Smyrna	1	Do
John Sillinan	———	2	Do

The following persons paid into the Contingent fund, the sums annexed to their names

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J. D. Kilpatrick	1
J. O. Freeman	1
J. M. Erwin	1
D. Gould	1
J. Stafford	1
H. A. Pharr	1

Adjourned to meet at this place to morrow at 9 Oclock A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday 9th September 1826

Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as on yesterday & Constituted with prayer

The minutes of yesterday were read

The Committee appointed to draw up some uniform rule, for receiving the acknowledgments of offending members reported as follows

Your Committee recommend that our offending members give in their acknowledgments to the Session of the church; and that the Moderator at a suitable time, invite those members of the Congregation who are not members of the church to retire, and in the presence of the church, read over the names of the offending members, and the crimes of which they have been guilty, and give such rebuke as he may think proper — The offending members may keep their seats, or be required to rise, according to the different degrees of criminality, which is to be left to the discretion of the Session. This report was received.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of an Education Society, recommend that Presbytery appoint Officers, and open subscriptions for this Society; and that enquiry be made with respect to what has been done.

Presbytery proceeded to the choice of Officers. Revd James Stafford was chosen President; Docta A. Long Treasurer and Revd Henry A. Pharr, Secretary.

Resolved that Mr. Gould be required to furnish the members of Presbytery, with a copy of such resolutions as may be useful to them.

Resolved that the next Sessions of Presbytery be held at Thyatira.

Mr. Hall delivered a Lecture on 23 Psalm Sustained

Mr. William Hall having gone through the usual course of trials, Presbytery proceeded to license him to preach the gospel, which license is in the following words

At Salisbury, the 9th day of September A.D. 1826. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of William Hall, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity and other Studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said William Hall, to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he may be orderly called.

Mr. Watt was examined on the languages and Sciences; which examination was sustained Mr. Watt was directed to prepare on Church history the first Six Centuries; and the Confession of faith from the first to the eighth Chapter inclusive and a Sermon on the latter part of 15th verse of the 1st Chapter of Mark.

Mr. Hall was directed to put in one

supply at Joppa, one at Unity and one at Center.

Adjourned to meet at Lynch. Conch[illegible] with prayer.

Jon.a O. Freeman
Clerk

5th Hatia S. Spears

Thyatira 5th of April 1827

According to adjournment the Presbytery of Concord met at Thyatira Church (Rowan) A sermon was delivered by the Rev.d M. A. Shaw, Moderator, from St John X. CHAP. 4 Verse constituted with prayer. Members Present.

Rev.d Messrs James McRee D.D.	Elders
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" James Graham
" John M. Erwin	" Thos A. Allison
" Daniel Gould	" James Adams
" James Hafford	" John Shive
" Henry A. Shaw	" James Jemison
" John Dillingham	" John Duckworth
Members absent	" Thomas Williamson (Unity)

Rev.d Messrs Jona O. Freeman & Joseph C. Bell.

Rev.d James McRee D.D. was chosen Moderator; and the Rev.d John Dillingham Clerk. The minutes of the last stated sessions were read. The excuse of the Rev.d Dillingham, for absence from the last stated sessions was sustained.

All papers, petitions &c designed to be laid before presbytery at this present meeting, were called for.

The Rev.d Daniel Gould presented his request to be dismissed from the pastoral care of the Congregation of Fourth Creek. The consideration of, and a decision upon this petition was, for special reasons, deferred till Saturday.

The Rev Benj - Gildersleeve of Hopewell Presby - L.C. being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corrisponding member

One Candidate, Leander A. Watts, read a Sermon on the Text assigned him at the last sessions of presbytery.

The minutes of the several church sessions being called for those of Bethany, Concord, Prospect and Thyatira were produced, and committed for examination to the following committees viz. the records of the session of Prospect to the Rev Messrs Kilpatrick & Lyon Gamble. The records of the sessions of Bethany Concord & Thyatira to Rev Messrs Pharr and Gillimon

The person appointed to write the history of this presbytery, from its formation, was called upon, and he announced his preparation to report: whereupon Resolved that this report be attended to to morrow at 9 O'Clock A.M.

Adjourned, to meet to morrow 9 O'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Apr 6th Presbytery met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present as above: and the minutes of yesterday

The committee appointed to examine the records of the session of Prospect, made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows viz "Your committee, having examined the records of the session of Prospect, find them kept correctly, and the proceedings to be according to the constitution and disciplines of the church"

L. D. Kilpatrick

D Gamble.

Rev James Stafford who was appointed to write the history of this presbytery, having read it, it was refered for correction to the following committee viz. Rev Messrs Kilpatrick, Gilderslieve and Stafford.

Presbytery took into consideration the alterations and amendments in the Confession of Faith and Book of Discipline which were sent down from the last General Assembly for the approbation or rejection of presbyteries

1st Presbytery unanimously declared that no alteration should be made

in the IV Sect of the XXIV CHAP of the Confession of Faith

2nd The alterations proposed to be made in the Book of Discipline by the 1st and 7th articles, were adopted

3rd The alterations proposed in the 2nd 3rd 4th 5th & 6th together with all additional articles were rejected

The Rev Silas Rankin of the Orange Presbytery, being present, was invited and took his seat as a corrispounding member.

Mr Thos L. Cowan (Elder from Salisbury) appeared and took his seat.

The members generally reported a compliance with the order of presbytery at its last stated sessions, to preach in their churches annually on the observance of the Sabbath.

Mr Robert M'Pherson (Elder from the session of Center) appeared & took his seat.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of their Candidate L. A. Watts on that portion of the Confession of Faith previously assigned him.

The Rev Johnwell Erwin requested to be dismissed from the pastoral charge of Bethany congregation.

Whereas the Rev Jno M. Erwin has petitioned presbytery for a dissolution of his pastoral connection with the congregation of Bethany and whereas the delegates present from that congregation have assented to the request, and signified their willingness that it should be granted: therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation hitherto existing between the Rev Mr Erwin and the congregation of Bethany be, and it is hereby dissolved: and by this act the aforesaid congregation is declared vacant

Resolved that the next stated sessions of this presbytery be held in Morganton (Burke)

The Rev John Gillimon, John Duckworth and James Adams Elder obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of presbytery

The Rev Mr Gillimon having obtained leave of absence Rev H. Pharr was appointed clerk, pro tem.

The following persons paid into the commissioners fund the sums annexed to their names &c

Rev Messrs Jno Gillimon	$3	Jno M Erwin	$3
" James Stafford	3	" Henry L Pharr	3.
" L. D. Kilpatrick	3	In all 18 Dollars; with six Dollars and 55 cts from other persons present	
" Dan Gamble	3		

18 6.55. $24.55.

A respectable society of presbyterians in the head waters of the Catawba River, but not regularly organized, having lately erected a convenient house of worship; requests to be remembered by this presby when making out the regular supplies of its members.

Adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'Clock Satt.

Concluded with prayer.

Apr 7th 9 o'Clock A.M.

Met according to adjournment. and constituted with prayer. Present as above, except those absent with leave and read the minutes of yesterday.

The committee to whom was referred, for examination, the records of the sessions of Bethany, Ebenezer, and Thyatira made their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz. "Your Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the session books of Bethany and Thyatira, and found them correctly kept and their proceedings to be constitutional, and according to the Discipline of the Church. The session book of Concord was not put into the hands of your committee.

A. H. Pharr
Jno Gillman.

Revd Henry H. Pharr was appointed commissioner to represent this presbytery in the next General Assembly; and the Revd Jno M. Erwin to be his alternate.

The members are ordered to supply Mr Pharrs pulpits, during his absence as follows viz Dr McRee one. Mr Kilpatrick 1 Mr Erwin 1 Mr Stafford 1 Mr Bell one.

Presbytery then proceeded to, and completed the examination of the Candidate in the Confession of Faith, and on Church History from the 1st to the 7 century inclusive. All the above parts of trial were considered and sustained.

The following parts of trial were assigned Mr L. S. Watts viz On the Confession of Faith from the 8th to the 15 CHAP inclusive On Church History from the 7th to the 13th century inclusive. A sermon on the 16th verse of the III CHAP of St Johns Gospel; and an Exegesis on this thesis Fides regnum Christi est elementa?

Whereas by a resolution of the Synod of S. Carolina, it appears that

this Presbytery is required to raise the sum of 284 Dollars as their proportion of the arrearage due on the Princeton Theological Seminary Therefore Resolved That each member of this presbytery use every effort to raise, by the next meeting of Synod, his proportion of the sum necessary to extinguish the debt.

The committee to whom was referred the Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery reported that it was not so complete as they could wish it, whereupon Resolved that it be, and it is hereby recommitted to Dr McRee Mr Kilpatrick and Mr Stafford for further preparation.

Whereas, in the opinion of this Presbytery the interest of true Religion is much promoted by the instrumentality of religious newspapers Therefore Resolved 1st That this presbytery regard the establishment of the Charlotte Observer as an important instrument in advancing the Kingdom of the Redeemer through the southern section of our country

Resolved 2nd That the members of this Presby will use their influence to introduce it into the families of their respective Charges, so far as this can be done, without conflicting with previous engagements

The petition of the Revd Daniel Gould was next taken up. Whereas the Revd Daniel Gould has requested of presbytery, a dismission of his pastoral connection with the Congregation of Fourth Creek; and whereas the communicants present from that Congregation, express their approbation of the request, and consent that it should be granted. Therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation hitherto existing between the Revd Mr Gould and the said congregation of Fourth Creek be, and it is hereby dissolved, and the said congregation is now declared vacant.

The members were ordered to supply the vacancies as follows viz Dr McRee at Discretion
Mr Kilpatrick at Zappa
Mr Hall — 2 at Discretion
Mr Erwin 1 at Centre
Mr Stafford 1. at Fourth Creek
Mr Gillman 1 at Libanon & 1 at Tirzah
Mr Bell 1 at Discretion
Wm A Hall 1 at Centre & 1 at Fourth Creek

Resolved that Revd James Haffaford and Thomas A. Leaman Elder draught a report on the state of religion &c in the bounds of our presbytery and send it on to the general Assembly by their Commissioner

Adjourned to meet in Morganton on the first Thursday of Sept - 1827.

Concluded with prayer

Henry H. Pharr S.C.P.

The following paper was put into the hands of the Moderator on his

Statesville June 6th 1827.

Revd and Dear Sir; We the undersigned, having heard from various individuals, of reports in circulation, which we conceive to be injurious to the private character, and public usefulness of the Revd John M. Erwin (Pastor of Concord) which reports seem to us to possess all the characteristics required in our Discipline III Chapt. 5th Section) in order to lay the grounds of a judicial investigation, we, therefore, through you petition a called meeting of the Concord presbytery to enter into said investigation

But should the presbytery when convened judge that the general rumours does not possess all the characteristics specified in the 6th Section, we will plead from the 6th Section of the same Chapter for a judicial investigation. That you Revd sir, may be in possession of all the names of persons necessary to be cited to appear before presbytery at the contemplated meeting, we present you with the following list Viz William Brawley Elders

James Hall
James Hall
James Adams

Concluded

William Johnston Elder of Bethany
Andrew Allison
Joseph Walls and Thomas Hill Elder James Hall

We pray you Revd sir to exercise all that authority which is vested in you as Moderator, and all possible expedition in calling a spacial meeting of presbytery. We believe that the honour and interest of religion call for it. We will just suggest that perhaps Statesville is as central, and convenient a place to meet as any other that could be pitched.

Yours &c with much esteem and respect

Revd James McRee D.D
Moderator of Con Presbytery.

Jno M. Erwin (Pas Conc
Thomas Allison (E. Bethy
James Adams
Elds Con
Revd Daniel Gaulds.

Upon the above petition, at the call of the Moderator, the presbytery of Concord met in Statesville on the 21 June 1827.

By the request of the Moderator presbytery was opened with a sermon by the Revd Robert H. Chapman D.D. from III Chapt of 2 Samuel and 17 verse. Concluded with prayer.

Members present -

Ministers	Elders
Revd Majors James McRee D.D.	James Graham
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" James Adams
" John M. Erwin	" James Hall
" Daniel Gaulds	" John Galloway
" James Haffaford	" Richard Gillaspie
" Henry H. Pharr	" Thos A. Allison

" Absent

John C. Clyman. Joseph E. Bell, John Sillivan.

Revd H. H. Pharr was appointed Clerk.

The Revd Robert H. Chapman of Winchester presbytery being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

When ready for the business of the day, the following paper was laid before presbytery viz

To the Revd Moderator of the Concord Presbytery now in session in Statesville, Sir By your permission I state

the liberty of presenting, through you, to the Presbytery, a statement of the subjects which you as a body are requested to investigate viz
1st Respects the Truth and reasons of a statement, made by the Pastor of Concord, to Mr Wm Johnston (Elder of Bethany) on the 16th of last February, concerning the payment of Concord to said pastor at the last annual meeting.
Witnesses James L Hill
James Adams
Thomas Hill (son James Hill)

2d Respects the business, or purposes for which Messrs Wm Johnston, John Galloway, Alexander Starr (Elds of Bethany) and Robert L Hall visited Mr Andrew Allison (Elder of Beth) if I mistake not, on the 4th of last April
Witness Andrew Allison (Begun-

3d Whether James Hill (Elder of Concord) is justifiable for making frequent attempts to avail the curiosity and kindness of the pastor of Concord, without ever coming to said pastor privately, to present his grievances: & ask an explanation, or warn him of the faults of Hill, alleged against him. Witnesses William Stevenson (Elders of Concord
James Adams
Jasp. Watts

4th Presbytery is requested to investigate the business reported at its late Sessions, by a committee, to be amicably settled between the Congregation of Bethany and their Pastor.
It appears that since that time many difficulties have arisen in the minds of a great part of the Christian community as to the manner and terms of that settlement. These difficulties seem to be increasing rather than diminishing by the lapse of time. And farther, so far as we can judge, there is no way of giving satisfaction, on these points, to those who think they have a right to expect it, except by presbyterial investigation. Presbytery is, therefore, requested to investigate this subject.
Respectfully submitted John M. Erwin. The parties concerned being present, & ready for trial, Presbytery took up and considered the first item on the above paper. Viz.

1 The truth & reasons of a statement made to Wm J Johnston (Elder of Bethany) by J. M. Erwin (Pastor of Concord) on the 16th of last February, concerning the payment of Concord to said Pastor at the last annual meeting.
The reason of the inquiry is, a supposed impeachment of the veracity & motives of Mr Erwin, from a private, & confidential conversation had with and reported by Mr Johnston, the conversation having been private, Presbytery could only hear the statement of the parties concerned. Having heard the report of the Treas. James L. Hill and the Statements of Mr Erwin & Mr Johnston, Presbytery unanimously agreed to the following decision viz. In view of all the circumstances of the case Presbytery do judge that there was nothing in the private statement to impeach the ~~candor of said Johnston~~ veracity of Mr Erwin, nor in the report of it, to impeach the candor of Mr Johnston.

2d The consideration of the second item was indefinitely postponed.

3d Upon the third item, Presbytery entered the following resolution, viz. Resolved that Presbytery submit the third article, proposed for their investigation, by Revd John M. Erwin to be investigated and settled by the Session of Concord, with the following additional persons, selected from other Sessions viz. Revd James Stafford to be Moderater
Mr Thomas A. Allison
" Andrew Allison
" Joseph Davidson
" James H. Hall
" Alexander L. Matthews
" James L. Hill to be clerk of the Session, that he be, and is here authorised to issue all the necessary citations.
This Session is ordered to meet in Statesville on the thursday Thursday before the 4th Sabbath of August 1827.

4th On the fourth article Presbytery decided as follows viz. Resolved that Dr Chapman, J. D. Kilpatrick and James Stafford be a committee, to give a full statement of the manner in which the difference between the congregation of Bethany, and their former

Pastor, the Rev. John M. Erwin was disposed of by Presbytery at its last stated Sessions at Thyatira Church, and that they report to Presbytery to morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at half past five P.M. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday 18. Met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer; and read the minutes of yesterday.

The Committee appointed to draw up a full statement of the manner in which the difference between the Congregation of Bethany and their Pastor J. M. Erwin, was disposed of by the Presbytery at it last stated Session, was called upon for their Report, whereupon a statement was given, which as amended and adopted is as follows Viz

The Committee appointed for the purpose beg leave to make the following report. At the last meeting of the Concord Presbytery at Church, a small majority of the Congregation of Bethany appeared by their Representatives, and presented to Presbytery several reasons for obtaining a dismission from their Pastor the Revd John M. Erwin. Let it be distinctly understood that they were presented not as charges but as reasons. Upon this bringing the Presbytery appointed a Committee, for the purpose of effecting an amicable disposal of this matter. This Committee made the following report. — The Commissioners of Bethany state, that had they known that an amicable dissolution of their Pastoral connexion with the Revd John M. Erwin could have been effected, they would not have presented the reasons above referred to, whereupon those reasons were withdrawn by the Commissioners. Mr Erwin then asked leave to resign his Pastoral charge over Bethany Congregation. The Commissioners acceded with with said application, and the Pastoral relation between him and the Congregation of Bethany was dissolved by the Presbytery. This is a full and fair statement of the above mentioned business as disposed of by the Presbytery of Concord at their last stated Session. Any surmises or insinuations contrary to the statement has given an account. It is therefore hoped that

the publick mind will be satisfied with this representation

Resolved therefore that this statement be publicly read by the Revd Mr Kilpatrick to the congregation of Bethany, by the Revd Mr Stafford to the congregation of Fourth-Creek, and by Samuel King Esqr to the congregation of Concord.

Adjourned, con

Concluded with prayer

Henry P. Pharr Clk.

6 Stated Session

Morganton (Burke County) 6th Sept 1827.

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. Opened with a sermon by the Revd James McRee D.D. from St Matthew XXV CHAP. and 13th verse. Constituted with prayer. Members present

Ruling Elders	
Revd Messrs James McRee D.D.	Robert McPherson
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" John Lentter
" John M. Erwin	" Robert Penland
" James Stafford	" Samuel Smith (Jeppa
" Henry P. Pharr	Lenoir Bell
" John Gillisman	Absent Revd D. Lyerly & J.O. Freeman

The Revd John Gillisman was Chosen Moderator; and Revd Henry P. Pharr Clerk

The minutes of the last stated sessions, with those of the called presbytery held in Statesville on the 27th of June 1827. were read.

The Revd Robert H. Chapman of Winchester Presbytery Va being present was invited and took his seat as a Corresponding member.

All papers, petitions &c designed to be laid before presbytery at its present meeting were called for.

A request was presented from the Congregation of Center asking permission of presbytery to employ the Revd Robert H. Chapman D.D. of Winchester presbytery Va as stated supply for six months. This request was considered, and granted.

A Letter requesting supplies was received from a committee of the session of Bethany (Iredell) Considered and granted.

The Revd Messrs Kilpatrick and Erwin were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last Synod and to report on Saty morning such matters as may require the attention of Presbytery.

A memorial, signed by the Elders of Emanuels Church (Lincolnton) complaining of certain grievancies in that Church, arising from the Conduct of the Revd Joseph E. Bell was received and read, and is as follows viz.

"To the Revd. the Presbytery of Concord —

We the undersigned, being Elders of Emanuels Church in Lincolnton, from a sense of the duty which we owe to the presbyterian Church in General, do present to your Revd body the following memorial viz

Your Memorialists believe that the great interest of our Lord, and promotion of the cause of Christ, depends much on the purity of heart, and conduct of its members: and particularly when Ministers of the Gospel are wanting in their qualifications, and are regardless of the obligations of morality, their labours are but calculated to do good; but on the contrary to do injury to the cause of Christ We therefore, feeling confident that those are the sentiments that your Revd body cherish and maintain: and that you will not suffer any member of your body to suffer reproach, if not innocent; nor escape censure if guilty. We therefore take the liberty to make known to your gribences, which common fame so loudly proclaims, has been brought upon the Church, by one of your body the Revd Jasp E Bell, which is as follows viz.

1st That the Revd Joseph E Bell committed a fraud on David Ramseur, one of the Elders of Emanuels Church, in writing a Deed of Conveyance for a piece of land, and removing the land marks of the same in order to make them correspond with the Deed so fraudulently obtained; and in cutting and removing the timber of the Land of D. Ramseur.

Witnesses John Zimmerman. Henry Leonhardt
Benjamin S Johnston.

2d That the Revd Joseph E Bell having in his hands a subscription for the support of the ministry in Emanuels Church obtained from certain persons subscribing the full amount of which they were not to pay, with a view of inducing others to subscribe the sums Witnesses Benjamin S Johnston
Paul Kistler.

We the undersigned consider that we in thus laying the case before you, have discharged our duty and trust that you will in your wisdom act as you may deem best, for the Glory of God and the good of his Church —

Lincolnton 3d of August 1827. David Ramsaur
John Hoke
Charles E. Reinehardt
Isaac Erwin
James Ramsaur "

A communication was received from the Revd Josp E. Bell in the words following viz.

Lincolnton } Septr 4th 1827.
N. Carolina }

"To the Moderator, and members of the Concord Presbytery now in session in Morganton

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"

A dispute between myself and David Ramseur, concerning a small piece of land, was settled, in the Month of May last, by five Arbitrators, who acted upon oath. The decision of those men was to be final, and I and David Ramseur signed a bond in the penal sum of four hundred dollars, to abide by the decision of the Arbitrators. But the said Ramseur, departing from the decision aforesaid, has caused it to be reported through the County that I committed a fraud on him, by obtaining a Deed of him fraudulently; and that I removed the land marks to make them suit the Deed aforesaid &c. Although this has been received as above stated, yet you are at liberty, if you think proper to do so, to investigate this report so as to examine the matter from which the report has arisen. I for one

any thing that may justly arise from an investigation of the matter aforesaid. I shall never shrink from an investigation of my conduct, when I may have a hope that truth will fill the mouth of the witness, and impartiality and justice will occupy the Seat of judgement. I fear God; and besides him I fear none, except that man who fears him not. If life and health permit, I wish to remove to the West; or Saith that in the space of six or six or seven weeks. Therefore I hope that, if you will investigate the aforesaid matter, you will do so in a short time. I do deny the things reported: that I committed a fraud, removed land marks, or did cheat the said David Ramsaur in any way—these things are not so. Although poor and friendless, my wife and Children drenched in tears, and my own heart torn with many troubles, yet I hope my God will remember us in mercy, and cause the light of his Countenance to shine upon us. I beseech you to examine the matter aforesaid, if it will give you any satisfaction. As to myself, I am almost ruined by the villainy of some one who is yet concealed, nor do I anticipate any advantage, or disadvantage from the investigation aforesaid matter. Though I may have to suffer wrong, as I have already suffered, yet the sorrows of this world will have an end; for God has promised to turn the sorrows of his people into joy. May heaven soon free you from the sorrows which drink up the pleasures of me, and my weeping family."

Yours respectfully
Joseph C. Bell

N.B. "Early next week, at this place, I wish the investigation to take place, if it can take place. I am too unwell to leave home, & have a great deal to do to prepare for my removal".

J.C. Bell

Upon the above Letter and Memorial the Presbytery agreed to the following resolution &. Whereas a communication was received from the Elders of Emanuels Church (Lincolnton) stating certain grievances, which common fame so loudly proclaimes" have been brought upon the church by a member of

this Presbytery the Rev. Joseph C. Bell: and whereas a letter was also received from the Rev. Mr Bell requesting a dismission for, and "beseeching a speedy investigation of such misconduct: Therefore Resolved that this presbytery will adjourn to meet at seven o'clock P.M. on the 11th inst at Emanuel's Church (Lincolnton) to attend to this business.

Ordered that the Clerk immediately furnish Mr Bell with a copy of these grievances and a copy of the foregoing resolution, and that he issue citations to the witnesses

The committee appointed at our last stated sessions to perfect the History of the Concord Presbytery, not being prepared to report, were continued.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow 8 o'clock A.M.
Concluded with prayer

Friday 7th Sept

Met according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer; and read the minutes of yesterday.

Presbytery proceeded to, and completed the examination of their candidate L.L. Walls. On Church History from the 9th through the thirteenth Century; and on the Confession of Faith from the 8th to the 15th Chapter inclusive. Their examinations were considered and sustained.

Mr Walls read a Sermon from the text previously assigned him. Sustained

Mr Watts read an Exegesis upon the assigned theme viz "Num regnum Christi sit Eternum" which was committed for examination, and report tomorrow morning, to the Revd Messrs Pharr, Chapman and J. Stafford

The members and Licentiates were ordered to supply our vacancies as follows &.

Dr McRee	1 at Fourth Creek	8	at Discretion.
Mr Kilpatrick	1 — Bethany	1	Discretion.
Mr Erwin	1 — Smyrna —	1	Discretion
Mr Gamble	1 — Bethany —	1	Discretion.

Mr Bell ——
Mr Stafford 1 at Church & 1 at Discretion
Mr Phelan 1 Grace Church. 1 Discretion
Mr Lillimen 1 Grace Church. 1 Discretion
Mr Hall —— —— 2 Discretion

The following parts of trial as preparatory to Licensure. were assigned to Mr Lo. A. Watts &c On the confession of Faith from the 15th Chap. to the End; on Church History from the 13th to the 16th Century inclusive; and a Sermon on the 11th verse of the 25th Psalm.

A letter was received through Dr McRee, from the Rev. Joseph E. Bell resigning the offices of Stated Clerk and Treasurer of the Concord Presbytery.

On motion Mr Bell's resignation was accepted, and the Rev. Henry K. Pharr was appointed Stated Clerk, and Rev. James Stafford Treasurer.

Ordered that the retired Clerk and Treasurer call on Mr Bell and receive the papers, Monies, &c, and settle the accounts of their offices with him.

The following persons paid into the Contingent fund the sums annexed to their names &c

Dr McRee —— ——
Mr Kilpatrick $1 00 — 90 cts
Mr Erwin — $1 — 00
Mr Gaud — —
Mr Bell — —
Mr Stafford 1 — 00
Mr Phelan. 1 — 00
Mr Lillimen 1 — 00
Mr Hall. 1 — 00. In all five Dollars ninety cents.

Mr Samuel Smith obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of presbytery

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 8 o'clock A.M. Benediction with prayer.

Sat. 8th Sept Met according to adjournment. Present as above except those absent with leave. Constituted with prayer

Prayer, and read the minutes of yesterday.

The Committee to whom was referred the Exercises of Mr Watts made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows viz

"Your Committee report that they have examined the Exercises of your candidate Mr Lo. A. Watts, and recommend that his Exercises be refered to your Candidate for correction, and that he hear it to you at your next stated Sessions."

Respectfully Submitted By
R. H. Chapman
James Stafford

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, made a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows viz "Your committee appointed for the purpose, report for the consideration of Presbytery, the following recommendations of the last General Assembly. viz 1st On page 131 Recommending in all our churches, one annual collection to be taken up, in behalf of the G. Assembly's missionary Society.

2d Recommending a day of Thanksgiving, humiliation, and prayer to be observed by all our congregations, and appointing the second Thursday of next November, as the day to be this observed. (page 132)

3d On page 134. Requiring the presbyteries annually to send up to the General Assembly, an account of their funds for the purpose of Education, the number of Beneficiaries &c. All of which is

Respectfully submitted
Joseph D. Kilpatrick
Jno. M. Erwin

1st Resolved that the consideration of the first item, report, be postponed till the next stated Sessions of presbytery

2d Resolved that the members of this presbytery will, in compliance with the recommendation, and appointment of the General Assembly, observe in their respective Churches, the second Thursday of next November as a day of Thanksgiving, humiliation and prayer.

3d Resolved That the Stated Clerk send up, annually to the General Assembly, a report on Education in accordance with the resolution of that body contained on page 134 of the printed minutes of A.D. 1827.

The Revd Henry M. Kerr of the Bethell Presbytery being present was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding Member.

Resolved that the next stated sessions of presbytery be held at Third Creek on the first Friday of next April A.D. 1828.

The minutes were read, and presbytery adjourned to meet at Emanuels Church (Lincolnton), at eleven o'clock P.M. Monday 10th Inst.

Concluded with prayer

Henry A. Pharr S.C.P.

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9 o'clock P.M. 10th Sept. 1827.

Emanuels Church: presbytery met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer

Present

Revd Messrs Joseph D. Kilpatrick " Elders
" John M. Erwin " John Coulter
" James Stafford
" Henry A. Pharr
" John Silliman

Members absent

" John O. Freeman
" Joseph C. Bell
" Daniel Gould "

The minutes of the last stated session, so far as they related to the business for the investigation of which this adjourned meeting is held, and also all the papers relating to the same subject, were read

When ready for business, the Revd Mr Bell did not appear: but it appearing from the statements of Mr Martin Zimmerman and Henry Schinck that the latter, whilst the stated Clerk was ordered to send to Mr Bell, with a copy of the memorial laid before the presbytery, & with the Resolution specifying the time & place of this adjourned meeting & had heard duly stated to Mr Bell.

Mr Bell, after due notice being given him, having failed

to appear in person, or to forward any communication accounting for his absence; presbytery proceeded according to Discipline and adopted the following Resolution viz.

Whereas the Revd Joseph C. Bell has failed to appear before this presbytery, after due notice, and whereas no reasons have been laid before us, accounting in any satisfactory way for his absence; Therefore Resolved that the Revd Joseph C. Bell be, and he is hereby cited to appear before this presbytery at Emanuels Church, by seven o'clock P.M. on Thursday the 11th Inst. to enter into an investigation of the grievances tabled against him.

Resolved further, that if the said Revd Mr Bell do not appear upon the above citation, at the time and place appointed, presbytery, after censuring him for his contumacy, and appointing some person to manage his defence, will proceed to take the testimony in his case as if he were present

Resolved that the Revd Messrs Stafford and Pharr be a committee to wait on Mr Bell with the above citation &

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at this place at 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

11th Sept. Met according to adjournment present as above constituted with prayer, and read the minutes of last evening.

The Revd Dr M'Kee appeared and took his seat.

Joseph Graham (Elder from Unity) appeared in presbytery and took his seat.

The committee appointed to wait on Mr Bell with the accused citation reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them; and that Mr Bell is now present.

The Revd Joseph C. Bell being present, and having stated his readiness to enter into the investigation of the charges, Mr Bell, when called upon, having pleaded not guilty to the charges alleged against him; presbytery proceeded to take the evidence on the first item of the memorial viz see page 42

Mr David Ramsour was appointed on the part of presbytery to conduct the investigation

Mr John Zimmerman " Isaac Erwin
" Henry Cangler " Charles C. Reinhardt
" Benjamin Johnston were called up and sworn.

Mr Henry Cansler being duly sworn, testifies that he made a survey of a small tract of lands, purchased by the Rev. Joseph E. Bell from David Ramsaur: that when he surveyed the above mentioned land he measured at the first survey 12 poles on one line to a corner marked by a stake; thence 25 poles to another corner marked by a stake— That in consequence of a difference between the contracting parties, he was called upon to run the above lines again; did at this time the stake at the end of the 12 pole line, was at the end of thirteen poles:— that one tree marked on the line of 25 poles, had the marks chipped out, and was found on the ground— Also that the stake at the end of the 25 pole line was not to be found, but that the end of it was found under the ground and that a stake was found a pole distant on the following Saturday one inch above ground to corris pond with the stake at the end of the first line— Also that on Monday the 14th of may Mr Bell contended that the line amounting to the 13 poles was right; but on the succeeding Saturday he, Mr Bell, said he have not contended for it; but that an enemy had done it to deceive him— Also that Mr Bell had opened a road along side the 25 pole line with in the 13 poles

H. Cansler

Mr Cansler farther states that after the survey of the above mentioned piece of land, his Notes with the courses, distances, corners quantity &c. were, by the consent, as he understood of David Ramsaur, put into the hands of Mr Bell to make out a Deed, which Deed when made out by Mr Bell called for one pole more or less 13 instead of 12 poles on the East line, than was mentioned by the notes of his, viz. Canslers, and put into the hands of Mr Bell. Subscribed to by affirm H. Cansler

Upon further examination, the above witness farther states that a cite from the new stake found on Saturday, corresponds with the line terminating at the old stake on the east side— Also that taking a sight from where Mr Bell said he thought the corner was, he found that it lapped the said road, and therefore could not be the corner— That the new corner corresponded with the line running to the corners at the 13 poles; and that this line was perfectly straight, the, not marked as usual

Affirmed by Witness.

Mr Benjamin S. Johnston being duly sworn testifies that the purchase made by Mr Bell of David Ramsaur terminated on the 12 pole line at the end of 12 poles. That Mr Bell contended for the 13 poles on Monday the 14th of May, and that on the Saturday following Mr Bell said an Enemy had marked the line corresponding to the 13 poles to deceive him— Also that he recollects no discovery on Monday of the new line marked, but that the removal of the corners were discovered— That Mr Bell uniformly denied having committed a trespass on David Ramsaur— Also that a Stake was found on the East line at the end of 13 poles, on Saturday, about an inch above ground, and that at the end of the 12 poles stake on the same line was found the end of a stake on Monday the 14 May, under ground having the appearance of having been there a considerable time Though he does not recollect of seeing at any time the Stake that should have been stuck at that corner by the Surveyor

Signed by witness B. S. Johnston.

Mr Charles E Reinhardt being duly sworn testifies that it was proved to the satisfaction of the Arbitrators that the line of Mr Bell ended at 12 poles— Also that Mr Bell contended on the day of Arbitration (viz 14th of May) for the high Stake at the West edge of the 25 pole line, making 13 poles distant, at which Stake the corner was marked nearly as usual. That the new Stake found on Saturday was some distance from the place for which Mr Bell contended as the corner on Monday 14th May. He does not recollect that Mr Bell did accuse an Enemy of marking any line to deceive him— That the road was cut straight by his (viz Bell's) son standing at the west end of the line, and Mr Bell setting up stakes, and thus marking out the line for the Road. That the old stake on the East line was more than two inches under ground, and had the appearance of having been in the ground about twelve months.

Signed by witness Charles E. Reinhardt.

Mr John Zimmerman being duly sworn, testifies that David Ramsaur proved to the satisfaction of the Arbitrators that he had sold

to Mr Bell no more land than would be taken in by the 12 poles and that on the day of arbitration (viz 14th of May) Mr Bell contended for the corners at the end of the 13 poles both on the East and West lines
Also that Mr Bell said he had measured 13 poles on the East 12 pole line, and stuck up stakes in order to cut a straight road - that at one of the corners at the end of the 13 poles there was a corner marked as usual, recently done. That at the end of 12 poles on the East line, the end of a stake was found under ground; and that a search for the Corner had Leak to its discovery. These things took place on the 14th of May. That Mr Bell uniformly denied having committed a trespass on David Ramseur; and that on the day after the arbitration, Mr Bell said he could have held the 13 poles by law
Signed by Witness, John Zimmerman

Mr Isaac Erwin being duly sworn Testifies that it was proved to the satisfaction of the Arbitrators that the Stake at the end of the 12 poles took in all the land sold to Mr Bell by David Ramseur. That Mr Bell contended for the 13 poles at both the disputed corners. This was on the 14th of May. Also that Mr Bell had shewed him (viz Erwin) a stake at the end of 12 poles on the East line, in the Spring of 1826. which he (viz Bell) said was his corner. That the Surveyor stuck his Jacob Staff some distance from which the corner was found, but when he took his sight he found that it could not be the corner, because it crossed the Island ford Road — Also that the Surveyor stuck his Jacob Staff some distance from the new corner found on Saturday (19th of May), but found it could not be the corner, because when taking a sight it crossed the Island ford Road.
Signed by Witness Isaac Erwin.

Mr Jacob Ramseur being duly sworn testifies that on Saturday the 13th May, Mr Bell said when the new Stake was taken up. That had he known on Monday 14th that Stake had been there he would have contended a great deal more: Also that he stated "that his Enemies had made those alterations" - That the disputed corner at the west End was not such as Surveyors would have made: that others made the same remark as to this Corner
Signed by Witness Jacob Ramseur

Mr Jacob Ramseur was sworn after the other witnesses and gave his testimony with the consent of Mr Bell. Likewise Mr Bell did not object to taking the Testimony of Isaac Erwin of whose citation he (viz Bell) had not been previously informed.
Presbytery having gone through all the evidence in the case: and the parties expressing themselves satisfied, and ready to proceed: Mr Bell was heard in his defence,
Without coming to a decision presbytery adjourned to meet in this place at half past eight o'clock tomorrow morning.
Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday 12th Met according to adjournment. Present as above. Constituted with prayer; and the minutes of yesterday were read. After mature deliberation on all the evidence presented, presbytery unanimously decided as follows viz

The
Judgment of the Presbytery of Concord in the case of the Revd Joseph McD. Bell

Presbytery do judge: It is not probable that the Deed made out by Mr Bell, was written according to the Surveyors Notes; but there has not been evidence presented to presbytery sufficient to prove that Mr Bell committed a fraud on David Ramseur as to obtaining the Deed; because it was written in fair legible characters, and signed by D. Ramseur and witnessed: That if they signed it without reading, we have no evidence to believe that Mr Bell knew they would have done so. But we judge that the Landmarks were removed so as to correspond with the Deed; and that the Timber was cut and removed, because testified to by ample evidence, and not denied by any: it is also not denied, but that the Timber was cut & removed by Mr Bell, or at His direction. As to the removal of the Landmarks, there is no positive evidence that they were removed by Mr Bell: nor is it impossible but that it might have been done by another; yet from the strong circumstantial testimony of several witnesses; and from Mr Bell's contending for the 13 poles one Monday, and then on the succeeding Saturday

denying that he had contended on Monday (which two points were testified to by several witnesses also)? Also, from the premises knowledge which Mr Bell had of the original corners; from the precision with which the disputed line was run; and the corrections with which the disputed corners were set, so as to correspond with the original lines, presbytery do therefore judge that the Land marks were removed by Mr Bell, or at his direction.

In view of this judgment the presbytery unanimously agreed upon the following sentence viz

Resolved that the Rev Joseph E. Bell be and he is hereby suspended from the ministerial office, until by a life of godly humility and repentance, he shall have healed the wound, he has given the church by his conduct.

The above judgment and sentence were read to the Rev Mr Bell by the Moderator, from which he (Mr Bell) signified his intention to appeal to the next General Assembly; and that in due time he would place his appeal with the reasons of it, in the hands of the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet at Sykes.

Concluded with prayer

Henry A Pharr
Moderator

At Synod in Salisbury 5th October 1827.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment; and constituted with prayer

Ministers Present — Elders

Rev Joseph D. Kilpatrick	Mr Robert Johnston
" John M. Coulter	" John Knox
" Daniel Gould	" Samuel Marlin
" James Stafford	" Moses Isaacs
" Henry A. Pharr	
John Gillman	

The appeal of the Rev Joseph E. Bell from the sentence of the Concord Presbytery, was laid before presbytery and ordered to be recorded, which appeal is in the words following viz.

Lincolnton N Carolina } September the 14th A.D. 1827
Rev John Gillmen Moderator of the Presbytery of Concord

Agreeable to your Book of Discipline, I hereby give you notice, that I appeal from the sentence of the Presbytery aforesaid, suspending me from the exercise of my ministerial functions, to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

The appellant's reasons for appealing by the Synod of N Carolina, and applying to the General Assembly, aforesaid, are these viz.

The appellant is about to remove his family nearly seven hundred miles from his present residence, and is engaged in preparing for his journy, which he expects to undertake in a few weeks. These circumstances put it out of the appellant's power to attend the next meeting of the Synod, there and there to manage his appeal. And whereas the appellant hopes to be settled before the next meeting of the General Assembly, and that he can then & there forward and manage his appeal, or have it managed for him; therefore the appellant hopes the above reasons will be deemed good and sufficient. And for as much as others have been favored with similar indulgence. I do hereby appeal from the aforesaid sentence of the Presbytery of Concord to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States for the following reasons

1st The appellant pleads not guilty of the charges

1 Because the Presbytery aforesaid had no right, or authority to receive charges against the appellant, either to try, to acquit, to censure or suspend him. And 2d If the Presbytery aforesaid had possessed the right, power and authority, to proceed against the appellant, they did not act according to justice and the established rules and Constitution of the Church.

Elucidations.

1st Because the Appellant did on the 17th day of July 1827 furnish the Moderator of said Presbytery with his pastoral separation from said Presbytery, to all intents and purposes, which separation

was in writing, dated and signed by the Appellant, which record was laid before said Presbytery, by said Moderator, at the first meeting of said body after its reception, and was filed. This Seperation was prior to any, and every memorial and complaint whatever, that was laid before said Presbytery, against the appellant. Moreover the appellants Letter of the 4th of September 1827 to Said Presbytery was not written by him as a member of said Body, but merely as an individual unconnected with them; — giving them the privilege of investigating a report, if they chose to do so; but giving them no liberty to receive a charge against the Appellant or to try him. But the Presbytery aforesaid, taking advantage of the appellants letter aforesaid instead of instituting an Enquiry, which is usual, and for which the appellant was willing; they really instituted Charges, and proceeded to trial within Six days thereafter, not giving the Appellant that notice that is required in the Book of Dicipline. For if the Appellant had received the notice they say they sent him, which he did not receive, it was not pretended to have been delivered or offered till late on Saturday the 8th September 1827. citing him to trial on Monday the 10th of the same month, which the Appellant learned on Tuesday the 11th at which time he received what they called a Second Citation, calling for him to attend trial in less than one hour after its reception; — declaring that, if he did not attend, they would censure him; appoint some person to manage his case, and take the testimony in the Appellants absence. These acts of Said Presbytery are contrary to the book of Dicipline Chapter 5 Section 2nd — 8th and 11th and supports both the appellants reasons above stated; and also evince a determination in Said Presbytery to injure the Appellant as much as they could; which they did.

2nd Because the subject of complaint had been settled by an arbitration of five men duly sworn, who declared that the subject of complaint was a matter of mistake; which Award was offered as evidence, but was rejected by said Presbytery, who declared that they would have nothing to do with the Arbitration in any manner whatever. And after this positive declaration, the Presbytery did introduce, swear, and take the testimony of three of the said Arbitrators, (Charles E. Reinhardt — John Zimmerman and Isaac Erwin) whether

the evidence laid before them as arbitrators did not convince them that the appellant was wrong in the matter arbitrated. Thus taking that part of the arbitration, which would most injure the appellant, and rejecting that part which would most assist him. By the Award aforesaid, which said the appellant had made a mistake. By taking a part and not the whole of the arbitration, and that part too which best suited them; and by refusing a part and not the whole, that part which would exculpate him; the appellant pleads that he was treated with rigor and injustice by the Presbytery aforesaid.

3rd Because the Presbytery aforesaid, did introduce, Swear, and take the testimony of three Witnesses, viz Charles E. Reinhardt and Isaac Erwin; of whom, contrary to Dicipline (Chapter 5 Sect 8th) they gave the appellant no notice. Which act of said Presbytery, the appellant declares both unjust and unconstitutional.

4th Because the Presbytery aforesaid, had before them, no positive evidence that the appellant did remove the land marks as charged in the Libel, which they admit in their judgments — and further add, "nor is it impossible but that it might have been done by another" This was the appellants plea before them. And he still pleads that he never did remove the land marks, yet in the total absence of positive proof: — admitted as above quoted, led by suspicion, presumption or prejudice, they suspended the appellant; contrary to the practice of all enlightened Courts and impartial Courts, both in Church & State, throughout our country.

5 Because the judgment of the Presbytery aforesaid, is at variance with itself, as well as with justice and common sense. They say "But there has been no evidence presented to Presbytery sufficient to prove that Mr Bell committed a fraud on David Ramsay as to obtaining the said Deed, because it was written in fair legible characters, signed by said Ramsay and witnessed &c. It was a bona fide Deed, which in law and Equity entitled the appellant to the land therein conveyed. — And therefore the appellant pleads that the Presbytery aforesaid had no right to suspend him, as he had a bona fide Deed written in fair legible characters, signed by David Ramsay Esq a man long experienced in the mercantile business

witnessed by two persons, and acknowledged by said Ramsaur in open Court. Which Deed covered all the land on which any timber was cut by order of the appellant. And the land marks, with the removal of which the appellant was charged, and for which he was unjustly suspended, being within the limits of the Deed aforesaid, were undoubtedly, the property of the appellant. And the Deed aforesaid, by the laws of the Country, gave the appellant the right, and authority to remove any Stakes, (but which he positively denies to have done) and cut down any tree, properly within the limits of the said Deed, if he had thought proper to do so. And as the appellant used no fraud in obtaining the Deed:- and as the Deed covered all the land on which the timber was cut; as well as that on which the land marks stood. Common Sense, and Common justice too, will invariably declare that if the appellant had cut down every tree and pulled up every stake within the limits of the Deed aforesaid (which he absolutely denies), he would not have done any thing worthy of censure; much less of suspension. It is self evident to to every impartial and enlightened person in our Country that the whole of the trial depended upon the fact; whether the appellant obtained the Deed by fraud or otherwise:- and that the Presbytery failing to prove a fraud in obtaining the Deed, were, of course bound to acquit the appellant.

By these reasons, and Elucidations, the appellant hopes that he has shewn, with the precision of a Sunbeam, that the Presbytery aforesaid, have no right even to try him; and that, if they have a right to try him, (which he by no means admits) their proceedings against him were unconstitutional and their Sentence unjust.

Joseph E. Bell
Appellant.

The Revd Messrs Jasp. D. Kilpatrick and James Stafford were appointed a committee to draw up, and at the next stated Sessions of this Presbytery, report an answer to the above appeal.

A Call, for the ministerial labors of William A. Hall, a Licentiate under our care, was laid before Presbytery from the united congregations of Unity and Joppa. This Call being

presented to Mr Hall, he accepted it, and the pastoral arrangements were made for his Ordination and Installment. viz
Ordered that Mr Hall prepare a Lecture on the first twelve verses of the V CHAP. of ST MATT.s Gospel: A Sermon on ST JOHN V CHAP. 4th verse and for examination as is usual in such cases
Resolved that this Presbytery will meet at Joppa Church on the first day before the second Sabbath of June A.D. 1827 to attend to the Ordination &c of Mr Hall.
The Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick was appointed to preach the ordination Sermon; the Revd James Stafford to preside and give the charge to the Pastor; and the Revd Daniel Gould to give the charge to the people.
The Revd Messrs Robert H. Chapman D.D. and Jesse Rankin, upon regular dismissions from, and recommendations of the Orange Presbytery, were received as regular members of this Presbytery.
The Revd John H. Rice D.D. of Va being present, was invited and took his Seat in Presbytery as a corresponding member.

Whereas Mr Leander A. Watts, a Candidate under our care, has signified to us his wish to spend the ensuing year, pursuing his studies, in the Union Theological Seminary, therefore
Resolved that Mr Watts receive the necessary recommendations; and that the Stated Clerk furnish him with the requisite Testimonials

Whereas Mr Robert A. Anderson, a Licentiate under our care, some years since, forwarded to the Presbytery of Concord, a letter, containing a confession of some misconduct of his own; and at the same time requesting a dismission from the Concord Presbytery, to join the Presbytery of Hanover Va. Whereas this request was granted and sent to the above named Presbytery accompanied with a copy of the letter aforesaid; and whereas the Hanover Presbytery refused to receive him R. Anderson, but referred him back to this Presbytery: And whereas Mr Anderson has since returned to us his licenture; and, as we have been informed, has of late given good evidence of repentance and reformation: therefore
Resolved that if Mr Anderson communicate to us in person or by letter, a sincere confession of his above referred to

misconduct, accompannied by a certificate from any two members of the Hanover Presbytery that are now acquainted with him, of their belief of the genuiness of his penitence and the recent uprightness of his conduct; he will return to him his Licenses, and dismiss him as a ~~member~~ Licentiate in good standing
Ordered that our Stated Clerk furnish Mr Andrick with a Copy of this minute
Adjourned to meet at Joppa the Friday before the second Sabbath of June A.D. 1827.

Concluded with prayer
Henry N. Pharr
Stated Clerk

A.D. 1827 9th June. Joppa Church.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Ministers present
Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick. Elders
" Daniel Gould Mr Thomas McNeily
" Henry N. Pharr " Abel Graham
" Jesse Rankin

In the absence of the Revd James Stafford who was appointed to preside on the occasion, the Revd J. D. Kilpatrick was appointed Moderator. Constituted with prayer. Presbytery proceeded to take the parts of trial assigned Mr H. A. Hall as preparatory to ordination.
Mr Hall Delivered a sermon from the V Chapt. of St Johns Gospel. & 40th verse "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life" Adjourned to meet at 6 oclock P.M. at Mr Thomas. McNeily's.
Concluded with prayer.

Six o clock P.M. Thomas McNeily's. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer & read the minutes of this morning.
Mr Hall read a Lecture on the first eleven verses of the V Chapt. of St matthews Gospel. He was examined on Theology in general. Also on the Government & Discipline of the Presbyterian Church as is usual in such cases.
All these parts of trial were considered and sustained.
Whereas Mr William A. Hall has sustained an approved examination before presbytery, on all the parts of trial assigned him, therefore
Resolved that presbytery on to morrow, will proceed to the ordination and enstatement of Mr W. A. Hall.
Adjourned to meet at the Church to morrow at 11 oclock A.M.
Concluded with prayer.

10th June. At Joppa church. 11 oclock A.M.
Presbytery met. Present as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer & read the minutes of yesterday and last night.
The Revd Jesse Rankin delivered the Ordination Sermon from II Timothy II Chapt. 4 & 5 verse.
The Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick presiding, proposed the usual questions to the candidate, and the united congregations of Joppa & Unity, which being answered in the affirmative, Presbytery proceeded, by solemn prayer and the laying of the hands of presbytery to set apart Mr W. A. Hall to the whole of the Gospel ministry; and by solemn charge to Enstal him Pastor of the congregations above named.
The Moderator gave the charge to the newly Ordained Bishop: and the Revd Daniel Gould delivered the charge to the people.

Adjourned
Concluded with prayer.
Henry N. Pharr S.C.P.

7th Stated Sessions

Third Creek 4th of April A.D. 1828

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. Opened with a sermon by the Revd John Gillispie, Moderator, from Acts 8 Ch. 15 v. constituted with prayer. Members present

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	Messrs Robert M Pharsen
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick.	" James Graham
" Robert H. Chapman D.D.	" James A. Hall
" Daniel Gould.	" William Gowan
" James Hafford.	" Samuel Culbertson
" Henry M Pharr	" Charles E. Reinhardt
" John Gillispie.	" Andrew Allison
" Jesse Rankin.	
" William A. Hall	

Absent

Revd Messrs John M. Erwin & Johnson O. Freeman.

Revd Robert H. Chapman D.D. was chosen Moderator & Revd Jesse Rankin Clerk.

The Revd Christopher Bradshaw, of French Broad Presbytery, being present, was invited, and took his seat as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the last stated session, with those of the intermediate sessions of Emanuels, Salisbury & Joppa were read.

Whereas, it appears from a resolution of the Synod of N Carolina, passed at its last sessions in Salisbury 1827. that the ministers and churches in N. Carolina, which were in connexion with the Presbytery of Bethel, are now attached to, and placed under the care of the Presbytery of Concord: and whereas, in accordance with the above said resolution, the Revd Henry M. Kerr is now present. Resolved therefore, that he be received, and take his seat as a member of this presbytery.

A communication has been received from the session of Centre Church asking advice in their circumstances, on which communication the following committee was appointed and directed to report to presbytery viz

Revd Messrs John Gillispie & Daniel Gould & Elder J. A. Hall.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Session books viz

Revd Jesse Rankin, and James Graham Elder, the Records of Thyatira and Ashpage Churches.

Revd Henry M Pharr and William Gowan (Elder) the Records of Emanuels Church.

Revd Henry M. Kerr & Charles E. Reinhardt Elder, the Records of Concord Church.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 8 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

5th Sept. Saturday morning.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present as above and read the minutes of yesterday.

Mr Richard Hall, Elder from Bethany, appeared in presbytery and took his seat.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the communication from the session of Centre, reported, which report was accepted, unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1st Resolved that Presbytery do highly disapprove the practice of dancing and it is fatal to vital piety.

2nd Resolved, that whereas, the strength and glory of the Church consist so much in the number of its members, as in their purity and truly exemplary conduct, if the members of our churches will not refrain from dancing and similar practices, after being duly admonished, they should be debarred from the privileges of the church, till they give evidence of repentance.

3d Resolved that all the ministers of this Presbytery be enjoined to read these resolutions, together with the proceedings of the Synod of South Carolina 1818, on this subject, to their respective congregations, and to those vacant Churches, where they may be appointed to supply.

Resolved that the Revd D. Shanks be directed to transmit a copy of said report to the session of Centre.

Resolved that the Treasurer be ordered to receive any money on hands for the Sanderson Professorship in Princeton, and

and transmit it by our commissioner to the General Assembly
Revd James Stafford was appointed commissioner to the next
General Assembly, and Revd Henry McPhaar his alternate.
The following sums were paid in behalf of the Southern
Presbytery viz
Revd Robert H Chapman $25
" Henry McPhaar $16
The Congregations of Centre $18 Emanuel Church Rev Robt H Chapman
The report of the committee on the Records of the Session of
Emanuel Church was accepted and adopted. The
Records were approved and the Moderator directed to sign
them accordingly.
The committee appointed to examine the reasons of Mr Bills
appeal to the General Assembly, reported, which report
was accepted, amended, adopted, and is as follows viz
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Mr Thomas L. Cowan, Elder, from the Church in Salisbury ap-
peared in Presbytery and took his seat
The following persons paid into the commissioners
hand the sumes annexed to their names viz
Revd Joseph D Kilpatrick $3
" John McEwin -- $3
" Daniel Gould. $3
" Henry McPhaar -- $3
" James Stafford $3
" Henry McPhaar -- $3
" John Lillyman $3
" Jesse Rankin -- $3. 50 cts
" William A Hall $3
Robert McPherson, Elder $3 in behalf of Centre
Church
Peter E Reinhardt, Elder $3
Richard Hall, Elder, $3 from Bethany Church.
In all, thirty Six Dollars and five cents
The following persons paid in behalf of the Southern
Presbytery the sumes annexed to their names viz
Revd John Lillyman, for Morganton $25
" H. A. Phaar per Liberty (Five cents) $16

Centre Church through the Revd Drs McPhaar & Chapman 65
$13. 40 cts. in all fifty four Dollars & forty cents.
The committee to examine the Session Books of Thyatira and
Bethpage reported, which report was accepted — they farther the min-
utes have been kept correctly, and peculiarly directed the
Moderator to sign them as approved
The following persons were appointed supplies for the Pres-
bytery of the Revd James Stafford during his absence at the Gene-
ral Assembly viz Revd Robt H. Chapman D.D. 1 Sab.
" J. D. Kilpatrick — 1 S
" H. A. Phaar — 1 S.
" J. Rankin — 1 S
" W. A. Hall — 1 Sab. ✓
The members were ordered to supply our vacancies as
follows viz
Revd James McPhaar DD 1 Sabb at Barrett Creek 1 at Lincolnton
" Robert H. Chapman DD 1 at Grace Church. ——
" Joseph D Kilpatrick — 1 a Discretion
" Henry McPhaar — — 1 at Silcam & 1 at Drusilla
" John Lillyman to administer the Lords Supper at Silcam
" Daniel Gayle 1 at Hillsboro, 1 at Discretion
" Henry A. Phaar 1 at Oak Bank — — —
" John McEwin 1 at Hillsboro. 1 at Discretion
" Jesse Rankin 1 at Barrett Creek 1
" John Lillyman 1 at Asheville —
" William A. Hall 1 at Discretion —
A letter was received from Mr Silas M. Andrews in relation
to a School which he proposes to teach; the consideration
of which was deferred until the next stated session — and
the stated Clerk directed to inform Mr Andrews of the
disposition of his letter.
A letter in the names of [illegible] was received from Robt H Chapman
The stated Clerk laid before Presbytery the following letter
from Mr Robt H Chapman viz
Hampden Sidney P.E. Va. Nov 1st 1827
Rev Sir Impressed, by Dr Rices, an extract from
the minutes of the Presbytery of Concord January

that the presbytery has not received my last communication addressed to Dr Freeman, then of Salisbury.

In the course of the last two or three months, my views in relation to many things, have experienced a great change. Since my misfortune to become a member of the Church, and even to enter the ministry before I had myself experienced a real change. And after, as I hope, I did experience the mercy of the God of grace to please the Great Head of the Church, for my further humiliation, to permit me to continue long under the influence of most detestable spiritual pride. The letter alluded to in the extract, on many accounts, I most sincerely condemn. I am sure, that I condemn, as severely as any man can, both the imprudence of writing such a letter at all, and the spirit which it manifests, that I then felt. In fact, my whole course in relation to the subject of that letter, gives decisive proof that I have been long under a strange misapprehension of men & things. I hope, the lessons which I have learned in a school of experience so painful, will be of advantage to my future usefulness. My ministry, my writing, and my conversation, have been very imprudent & indiscreet.

If will these acknowledgments, the Church can again confide in me, I hope, that my future course will be more worthy of its confidence.

With the full conviction, that, in all these errors and mistakes, my intentions were good, my heart sincere, with more than willingness I acknowledge, that they are inexcusable, are all most irrevocable. But this is committed to him who knows all.

It is my wish, that, along with my license, the presbytery of Concord will send me a dismission to join the Hanover presbytery. Direct to Ca. Ira Brunswick Va.

Respectfully Robt. F. Anderson

A certificate was also enclosed with the above letter from John H. Rice D.D. and John Kirkpatrick.

Whereupon Resolved that Mr Andersons License be returned to him, and that he be dismissed as a Licentiate in good standing, to put himself under the care of the Hanover Presbytery.

Revd John Lillyman, and Elder James H. Hall, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Revd John M. Erwin, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat. His excuse for late attendance was sustained.

Revd Stephen Dronfield of Caswell Presbytery being present was invited to take a seat with us as a corresponding member.

The Stated Clerk presented to Presbytery the application of Mr Allen D. Metcalf, Licentiate, to be dismissed from under the care of this presbytery, to be received under the care of the presbytery of Hanover. Whereupon

Resolved that Mr Metcalf's request be granted, and he is hereby dismissed as a Licentiate in good standing.

The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Session of Concord Church reported, that they have examined such records as have come to their hands, and recommend that the be approved. Report accepted.

The Revd James Stafford laid before presbytery some Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, on the subject of funds for a new building. Whereupon Resolved, that each member of this Presbytery be appointed an agent to carry into effect the resolutions of the Board of Directors; and that they adopt such measures as they may think best calculated to promote the object of the Board. The funds raised for this purpose to be payable by the 1st of Feb. 1829.

The Revds Messrs Joseph D. Kirkpatrick & James Stafford with Thomas L. Cowan, Elder, were appointed a committee to give the members of this Presbytery such information as they may be able to collect relative to the progress and present state of the Union Seminary.

The Stated Clerk laid before Presbytery a Circular address, by a committee of the Presbytery of Hanover, soliciting the patronage of this Presbytery to the Literary and Evangelical struggling

Resd Messrs Josp D. Kilpatrick & Henry M. Kerr were appointed a committee to consider and report upon the above circular.
Resd Messrs J. Stafford & H. A. Kerr were appointed to examine and report upon the apparent inconsistency in the minutes of Presbytery, appointing persons to attend the ordination of Mr Hall, and the persons who did attend.
Proposals being made by Revd James Stafford in regard to a society for the suppression of Intemperance, after some discussion it was Resolved, that the formation of a Society be deferred until the next stated sessions, and that Revd Josp Rankin be appointed to preach a sermon at that time, on the subject of Intemperance; and that Revd Messrs Jas Stafford and Josp Rankin be appointed a committee to draught a Constitution to be exhibited at the meeting of Presbytery.
Revd Messrs Henry M. Kerr, and Henry A. Kerr, were appointed a committee to draw up a narrative on the state of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery, to be presented to the General Assembly.
A consideration of the recommendation of the General Assembly in regard to funds for the Missionary Society under its control, referred in the minutes of the last stated sessions was indefinitely postponed.
The committee appointed on the subject of the Literary and Evangelical Magazine reported, which report was accepted and is as follows viz

The committee, to whom the Letter from the committee of the Hanover Presbytery relating to the L & E Magazine, was referred, beg leave to report, that in consequence of the many religious publications that are now circulating, we trust little profit, among the people, therefore it is not expedient for Presbytery to adopt any measures particularly in favour of the above mark.
The committee appointed for the purpose reported an explanation of the apparent inconsistency between

the appointments for the ordination of Mr Hall, and the proceedings of Presbytery in their appointments, That report was accepted and is as follows viz.
The Revd James Stafford who was appointed, without an alternate, to preside on the occasion of the ordination of Mr Hall being absent, a different arrangement than that made by the Presbytery appointing this meeting, became necessary. Revd Josp Rankin was therefore appointed to preach the sermon, & Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick to preside.
Mr C. C. Reinhardt, Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.
Adjourned to meet monday 6 o'clock P.M.
Concluded with prayer.

7th Apl. Monday 6 o'clock P.M.
Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on Saturday except those absent with leave.
Constituted with prayer, & read the minutes of Saturday.
The committee appointed by Presbytery at its last stated sessions to make a settlement with Mr Bell the late Treasurer of this Presbytery, reported that they had attended to the duty of their appointment, and were satisfied that the Treasurer had kept his accounts correctly.
Resd that the Stated Clerk be directed to apply to the Stated Clerk of Synod for a copy of the minutes of Synod in relation to the Union of the Carolina & Mecklenburg presbyteries.
Resolved, that this Presby cordially recommend Mr Tyson agent of the American Tract Society, to the friendly attention and liberal patronage of the churches within their bounds.
The committee appointed for the purpose, reported a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of this presbytery, which report was amended and approved.
The minutes were read
Presbytery adjourned
Concluded with prayer H. A. Kerr S.C.

Answer to the reasons of Mr Bells appeal

The committee appointed & directed to report an answer the appeal of the Revd Joseph E. Bell, from the judgement of the Presbytery of Concord, to the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, would answer to the reasons of this appeal in the following manner viz

I. That Mr Bell was not at liberty, to with draw, or seperate himself from the Presbytery of which he was a member, as he might see fit, in any disorderly manner. It is a fundamental principle in the government of the Presbyterian Church, that every minister of the Gospel is held amenable, for all his course of conduct, to that presbytery with which he stands connected, until he be regularly dismissed from it, and has connected himself with some other Presby-

Mr Bell was also held by his own solemn vows in his ordination, when he promised subjection to his Brethren in the Lord. Therfore Mr Bell was not at liberty, nor could he on any just principle, sever himself from his Presbytery, without their knowledge & permission

For this Mr Bell make the attempt, until many & loud clamours were circulating all around him unfavourable to his character. Also, the presbytery did, not only, view it their duty and privilege, but they went into the investigation & whole cause of trial, at the special request of the appellant, by letter to them when in their regular sessions at Morgantown; praying their speedy attention to the subject, with reasons assigned why they should.

II. Your committee do affirm, that in been eye & ear witness through the whole investigation, that the trial of Mr Bell was legal, fair & open as it ought to have been. That there was no infringement on any part of the Discipline of our church. Mr Bell had been served, or presented with a citation a few days previous to his call to trial, which he utterly refused to receive, or look at in any way. When the Presbyt. had met on the day, and place appointed (viz Lincolnton) and at the special request of Mr Bell, but he not being present, they then sent another citation to Mr Bell, of the time & place,

by two of their own members; he appeared to receive them with friendship, and consented, and consented that Presbytery might go into the investigation or trial, and that he would not prevent them by any want of reasonable notice, on which the Discipline of the church might other wise have given him a claim: that he would not plead the same on the occasion. ——— When the Presby. was constituted, and all parties were present, Mr Bell was asked, by the Moderator publicly, if he were ready to proceed on his part. He then answered without hesitation in the affirmative

Your committee do also affirm, that no witness was introduced, or admitted illegally, on the whole cause of trial. That the two witnesses refused to by the appellant, were brought forward by his own special agreement, when they were called upon. Mr Bell was frequently invited to ask any questions of the witnesses, which he might think proper for his own exculpation

Your committee, reply to a farther ground of the appellants complaint, viz that, the Presby. did not make any use of the arbitrators or their judgement in any way on the trial, only to call upon, and use them in the same way as other witnesses were used.

We deny the appellants declaration respecting all enlightened courts, both civil & Ecclesiastical, when he affirms, that the principle has never yet been established, that an accused person is ever condemned on circumstantial evidence. It is indeed the opinion of some eminent jurisconsults, that circumstantial evidence may be so strong as to be more certain grounds of condemnation, than positive proof; because some witnesses will (alas, too frequently) but circumstances cannot

To prevent the commission of the Presby. That it was impossible, that the land marks might have been removed by another person, from having any improper influence on the minds of the General Assembly your committee would give the following illucidation viz It appeared by one dispute

that it was more than a year after the survey was made, that the land marks were removed. Had the surveyor in taking down his notes, committed a mistake, the Appellant, in whose lands the notes were placed, would have been able, it is presumed, when writing the Deed from those notes, to have detected the mistake. Again; as the notes were put into the Appellants possession, he should have been able to have produced them when called for. Farther, as the Deed corresponded, not with the original survey, but with the removed land marks, the person who removed the land marks, must have known that they would correspond with the Deed. But as the Appellant wrote the Deed; and, as it was signed and witnessed, without being read, who could have known this but the Appellant. Farther, it is presumed that, the Appellant was acquainted with his own land marks; and indeed, one witness testifies that the Appellant had shewn him one of the removed corners, about twelve months before this affair took place. Why then did the Appellant fell timber on the lands included within the removed landmarks, and without his own? We would now leave the Genl Assembly to determine what weight is due to this reason for an appeal!

To another ground of the Appellant, Your Committee would reply. viz The Presby. in their judgement found the word fraud in its legal acceptation, yet at the same time that they acquitted him of fraud in this sense, they did judge, that in a moral sense he was to all intents and purposes, guilty of the crimes charged against him. From the great earnestness with which the Appellant urges this reason, and from the sentiments contained in it, Your Committee do judge, that the Appellants object throughout, was to manage this affair so as to evade the power of the civil law. Wicked men have invented many ways of evading the arm of the civil law; but a judicature, of the Church of Christ, are bound in their decisions to be governed by the laws of Heaven, without regard to technical phrases

When the whole course of investigation, or trial was gone thro on the part of the Presby. Mr Bell was then called upon to bring forward his witnesses, and set up what defence he might think proper in his own behalf. Mr Bell was then fully heard in his own defence nor did he, or Bell; in any part of his defence propose to charge the Presbytery with any thing illegal in their proceedings. He seemed, to hope that the Presby. would not inflict on him a very heavy censure. After the Presby. had gone into judgement, and unanimously gave their opinion, that according to the rules of their Church Discipline and their own consciences, as guardians of the Church of Christ, Mr Bell should be suspended; they did therefore, suspend him from his ministerial office. Mr Bell was then called in to hear their judgement, and sentence. He was then asked whether he submitted to the judgement as read in his hearing, to which he answered in the negative, and that he would offer his appeal in in due time and form. When reminded that the sessions of our Synod were at hand, not very remote from his residence he remarked, that it would not be convenient for him to attend the Synodical meeting, but that his appeal would be made to the Genl. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. This promised appeal was made in due time. These therefore, are the grounds on which we answer the appeal, and propose to justify the course which the Presby. of Concord pursued in the discharge of their official duty!

J. D. Kilpatrick } Com-
Jas Stafford }

Emanuels Church. Lincolnton.

At the call of the moderator, this Presbytery of Concord, met at this place on Friday 8th of August 1828. for the purpose of receiving under their care Mr Patrick J Sparrow a Licentiate dismissed from the Presby. of Bethel, for the above purpose and to take measures for his speedy ordination

Opened with a sermon by Robert H. Chapman D.D. Moderator from Ecclesiastes XII chap. 13th Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole of man"

Constituted with prayer.

Ministers present	Elders
Robert H Chapman D.D. mod:	Daniel Carson
Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick	Charles E. Reinhardt
" Henry M. Kerr	
" John Gillisman	
" William A. Hall	

Absent

James McRee DD
Revd John M. Erwin
" Daniel Gould
" James Stafford
" Jesse H. Rankin

The Clerk of Presby. being absent, Revd Jno Gillisman was appointed clerk pro tem.

Revd Henry K. Pharr was present but declined sitting as a member, believing that he could not do so, consistent with the act of Synod at its last sessions.

Revd John M Erwin, by a letter to the Moderator, was excused satisfactory reasons for his absence.

Mr Patrick J Sparrow produced an extract from the minutes of an act of the Bethel Presbytery, dismissing him from under their care & recommending him as a Licentiate in good standing to the care of this Presbytery.

Whereupon it was unanimously resolved that Mr Sparrow be received accordingly.

Presbytery finding matters in such an unprepared state

that they could proceed no further at present, in measures for his ordination. adjourned.

Concluded with prayer. Robert H. Chapman Mo

Sessions of the Concord Presbytery

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Extract from the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina
Fourteenth sessions of the Synod of N Carolina
Salisbury, Saturday Oct 6th 1827.

Resolved that the Presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburg be, after the meetings to which these Presbyteries now stand adjourned, united in one Presbytery, under the name of the Presbytery of Concord — that their first meeting, when thus united, be holden at Centre Church, in the County of Iredell, to commence on the first Thursday of Sept next — that the Revd James McRee D.D. or in his absence, the senior minister present, open the Presbytery with a sermon, and preside, until a moderator be chosen — and that said Presbytery, afterwards, meet on their own adjournments

A true copy from the minutes of Synod
Sept 6th 1828 Calvin McFarr, Stated Clerk

First Sessions.

Centre Church. Thursday, Sept 4th 1828.

Presbytery met according to the appointment of Synod, as expressed in the above resolution. Opened with a sermon by the Revd James McRee D.D. from Matthew IX Chap. & 36 & 37
Constituted with prayer

Ministers present	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	William Kilpatrick
" John Robinson	Rankin Alexander
" John M Wilson	
" Robert H. Chapman D.D.	James R McRee
" John Williamson	William Mentieth
" Walter L. Pharr " Henry W. Rice	William M. Ginn's
" Daniel Gould	
" John M. Erwin	

Revd Robert H. Morrison .. Mr John F. McNeely.
.. Samuel Williamson .. Hugh Gray.
.. James Stafford
.. Henry R. Parr .. James Conner
.. John Dillimon .. John Duckenwerth
.. Jesse Rankin
.. William A. Hall .. Elders from vacancies.
Isaac Erwin. Emanuel,
Robt Johnson. Gothen.
George Allison. Bethany.

Absent Revd Jona D. Freeman. and Joseph E. Bell.

Revd James McRee D.D. was chosen moderator. and John Williamson appointed Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated Sessions of the Concord presbytery were read. The minutes of a pro re nata meeting were then offered, upon which it was moved and seconded that they be not read — the subject was discussed at considerable length —

The members appointed to supply vacancies, reported generally that the order of presbytery had been attended to — satisfactory reasons were assigned for the few failures that occured

Resolved that the business of the Education Society be the order of the day for to morrow at 2 o'clock P.M.

Revd Messrs John H. Wilson & Samuel Williamson were appointed a committee to ascertain what parts of the minutes of the last General Assembly require the attention of presbytery and report on to morrow. Adjourned to meet in this place to morrow 9 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Centre Church, Friday Sept. 5th 1828

Presbytery met according to adjournment — present as above — Constituted with prayer, and read the minutes of yesterday. Certain papers handed in on yesterday were read

After some further discussion it was agreed that the minutes of the Pro re nata presbytery be read. They were read accordingly and ordered to be recorded by the Stated Clerk —

James B. Thomas, Elder from Concord, John M'Culloch. Elder from Thyatira and Gillaspie Culbertson. Elder from Unity (Romans) appeared in presbytery and took their seats.

The members of the former Concord presbytery were enquired at whether they had complyed with an order of presbytery at their last stated Sessions with respect to reading certain resolutions on the subject of Dancing — It appears that that has been generally attended to — for the first cases of failure, satisfactory reasons were assigned

The Revd Messrs John Robinson. John H. Wilson. Samuel Williamson James Stafford and John Dillimon were appointed a committee to examine the case of Revd Joseph E. Bell, and report to presbytery as soon as convenient.

Agreeably to an order of Synod at its last stated Sessions, the Revd Messrs John Robinson and Robert H. Morrison were appointed to report to Synod at their next stated Sessions, the state of religion within the bounds of this presbytery.

Rev. James Stafford the commissioner to the last Gen. Assembly reported that he had attended the assembly and performed his duty to the extent of his power. The subject of Mr Silas M. Amans letter defered at our last to this meeting was indefinitely postponed. Enquiry was made whether any thing had been done for the Union Theological Seminary in Va. in conformity with the instructions of P. at their last session whereon it was found that nothing had been done, owing to a misunderstanding among the members of the Committee appointed on that business —

Rev. Messrs H. Wilson & Williamson were appointed a committee to draft a letter to the people of Waxhaw Congs. and intimate it to P as soon as possible Mr Monteith & Robt Johnston elders obtained leave of absence for the remaining part of the session — A call from the united congregations of Sherman Town & Williamsburg in the Presbytery of Harmony &c. prepared in the regular form for the Rev. John M. Erwin was handed in to the Presbytery — which call was put into the hands of Mr Erwin, who after some consideration expressed his willingness to accept the call — Mr Jas. B. Thomas a commissioner from the Concord, the Congregation with which Mr Erwin now stands connected being present & having declared the willingness of that Congregation, that the pastoral relationship existing between that people & Mr Erwin should be dissolved — therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation be and is hereby dissolved & that the Congregation of Emanuel &c. are declared vacant,

and that Mr Erwin have been to accept the care proposed for him
then the Presbytery form the Congregations of Indian Town & Williamsburg
The business of the education society was taken up and after hearing the
report of the societies of Concord & Mecklenburg it was resolved that these
two societies be united & they are hereby united in one society — —
The Moderator of the Presbytery for the term being, viz. Assistant of the society ex officio;
the Rev. J. M. Wilson was appointed secretary & treasurer —
Recommended that each member of Presbytery lay the subject of the
education society before the Congregations & use all prudent means for raising
funds or otherwise obtain means for the promotion of its objects —
A remonstrance signed by a committee from Centre Congregation was
laid before Presbytery, which paper was taken up — Adjourned to meet
at this place to-morrow morning at 9 Oclock — Concluded with prayer.
Centre Church Saturday Sept. 6th Presbytery met agreably to adjournment — Present as above & the minutes of yesterday were read —
Mr Thos. E. Cowan an elder from Salisbury appeared and took his seat —
The Committee appointed to inquire into the case of the Rev. Jos C. Bell reported which report was accepted and adopted and is as follows — viz further proceedings in the case deferred until a future period of our sessions. No 1.
The protest against a decision of Presbytery which took place on yesterday was read, handed in & ordered to be entered on our minutes & is as follows —
Whereas process was commenced against the Rev. Jos C. Bell a member of this Presbytery in Sept 1827 in the prosecution of which Mr Bell was suspended from the ministry of the Gospel; and from which sentence Mr Bell appealed to the General Assembly — And whereas Mr Bell's appeal was sustained by the General Assembly in consequence of alledged irregular proceedings in said case — and whereas the General Assembly have determined and declared that the Presbytery of Concord are entirely competent to commence a new trial in said case, provided they consider the good of religion and the honour of the ministerial character demand it. Now upon full and mature deliberation on the subject, Presbytery is fully of the opinion that both the good of religion and the honour of the ministerial character do demand the same. Process is therefore now instituted in said case.
The following charges against the Rev. Jos E. Bell were preferred in way of memorial by the session of Emanuels Church, at the

aforesaid time, and upon the ground taken up by the said Presbytery aforesaid viz
1st That of removing his neighbours land mark, in the case of a small lot of land purchased from David Ramseur in the immediate vicinity of Lincolnton. The purchase made according to recollection in the year 1826: Alas; fraudulently obtaining a Deed of conveyance from D. Ramseur for land that D. Ramseur had never sold, nor intended to convey
Witnesses to support the above charge or charges viz
John Zimmerman. Henry Leander. Benjamin S Johnston. Isaac Erwin. Charles E. Reinhardt. David Ramseur Jacob Ramseur
In addition to the above charge or charges instituted against D. Bell, in consequence of public fame and representations made to us, and in consequence of evidence arising to that effect during the prosecution of the charge or charges against Mr Bell in Sept 1827. Presbytery feel themselves compelled for the good of religion and the honour and purity of the ministerial character, to institute process on a charge of false-hood against the D. Mr Bell viz That Mr Bell contended for the 13 poles on Monday the 14th of May. and that on the Saturday following he said an Enemy had marked the lines to deceive him, and he denied that he had contended for the 13 poles on monday. Witnesses to support this charge viz
Benjamin S Johnston. Charles E. Reinhardt. John Zimmerman. Isaac Erwin Jacob Ramseur and Henry Leander.
Further proceedings in this case deferred until a future period of our sessions.
A protest against a decision of the Presbytery which took place on yesterday was made, laid on the table, and ordered to be entered on our minutes, which protest, is in the following words. viz
A protest against a decision of the Presbytery of Concord made on yesterday sanctioning a Pro re nata meeting at Lincolnton by a part of said Presbytery ——
Although it is painful to our feelings to differ from our Brethren

on any subject connected with the order, peace & prosperity of the Church, & believing conscientiously, that the above decision was not in accordance with the rules laid down of discipline laid down for our government in the confession of faith, and that such [illegible] of instances of irregularity are calculated to impair the honor & stability of the Presbyterian Church; we respectfully dissent from said decision for the following reasons viz

1st We believe that according to the form & spirit of the resolution of the Synod of N.C. by which the Presbyteries of Concord and Mecklenburg were united, that the union virtually & constitutionally took place as soon as the last spring sessions of the respective Presbyteries were concluded, and therefore although the Concord Presbytery has continued to exist, since said sessions its jurisdictory has embraced the members and territory of both Presbyteries under the proper authority of the Moderator appointed by Synod with power to act under the united Presbytery, should a vacancy occur —

2nd We believe that the Moderator of the Concord Presbytery as it existed before this union had no authority to call said meeting as his office had expired before said call was issued —

3rd We believe that such meeting was informal, inasmuch as the circular letters by which it was called, were sent only to a part of the members of which we think the Presbytery was at that time composed. (See 2nd opinion to the form of government Chapter 10th section 10th

4th We believe that it was distinctly understood at the last meeting of our Synod when provision was made for the union of the Presbyteries, that if an intermediate meeting should become necessary, that the Moderator appointed by Synod should be the proper person to call it

Sept 6th 1828

Signed

Elders
James Cashion
John F. McNeely
Rinkin Alexander

R. H. Morrison
J. M. Wilson
Jno. Robinson
Jno. M. Erwin
Jas. Hafford
Henry W. Shaw

The committee appointed to draft a letter to the Hopkins congregation reported the following letter which was adopted, and a copy of it ordered to be sent to the said congregation viz

Centre Church Sept 6th 1828.

To the Elders and people of the Hopkins congregation

Dear Brethren, Having received information thro, a source on which we can rely, that it is your anxious and sincere desire each to be found orderly & regular in every respect as a Presbyterian congregation; and that you feel yourselves in some measure at a loss at the present time to know precisely what is the proper course to pursue, and are willing and desirous to receive instructions from this Body; we, therefore, most cheerfully and promptly communicate that information & counsel which we believe you desire.

The late regulations which have taken place in the Synod of N. Carolina, and in the Presbyteries of Concord & Mecklenburg have had no effect on your standing as a congregation, except as a constituent part of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg you are now united with that Presbytery to the Presbytery of Concord. It is necessary to learn, that you should have heard thro any source, that the Synod of N. Carolina had cast you off. This is entirely groundless and untrue. You, therefore, may rest assured that you as a congregation, properly & legally are under the care of the Presbytery of Concord, and belong to the Synod of N. Carolina, and will continue so until it is your own desire that it should be otherwise.

While we rejoice to learn that you are still favoured with the stated means or ordinances of the Gospel, we can not but view it as a matter of regret, that there is not a regular Pastoral relationship between you and the Clergyman whose services you enjoy.

Your present situation must, in our opinion, subject you at least to some inconvenience in the exercise of discipline & in maintaining the interests of your congregation, even if it should not lead to your injury. It appears to us that good order, and the welfare of the church require, that the Pastor and his charge, if possible, be under the inspection and control of the same Ecclesiastical judicatory

To the care and guidance of that God whose we all are,

he would now commend you, exhorting you in faith & in humility to look to him for his counsel to guide you in that path which will lead you at last to his Church triumphant in the Kingdom of immortal Glory." ✓

Revd Samuel Williamson and Hugh Gray Elder, obtained leave of absence for the rest of the session of Presbytery.

The unfinished business of yesterday viz the remonstrance of Centre Congregation was taken up. After some discussion the parties concerned had leave to withdraw, and after some time returned and informed Presbytery that they were mutually willing to settle this business on certain conditions. Whereupon Revd Messrs John Robinson and James Stafford and Thos L Cowan Elder were appointed a committee to draft a minute on this subject. The committee retired, and after some time returned and offered the following minute which was read & adopted viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the drafting a Minute relative to a Remonstrance of a Number of the Congregation of Centre, Respectfully offer the following minute viz

Whereas heretofore, to wit, at the meeting of the Concord Presbytery at Third Creek Church in Sept 1828., A petition was handed to the Presbytery by certain members of the Session of Centre Church — And whereas a paragraph appeared in the public papers, implicating said Congregation in certain unchristian practices, in consequence of which the members of Centre Congregation considered themselves aggrieved — A committee appointed by said Congregation of Centre, presented their grievances to Concord Presbytery met in Centre Church Sept 1828 And after considerable consultation and discussion the matter aforesaid was amicably settled in the following manner, viz.

1st The Committee on their part acknowledge that certain young people of Centre Congregation have on different occasions, indulged themselves in their vain amusement complained of in the Petition

2nd Those members of Session who preferred the petition to the Presbytery of Concord, acknowledge that in their honest Zeal to promote the cause of religion, they acted precipitately in preferring said petition.

3rd That the person who sent on for publication the paragraph complained of, acknowledged that he acted hastily and without due deliberation, and without proper authority.

4 The Presbytery believe, that the aforesaid paragraph has not a part of their report to the General Assembly."

Ordered that this minute be published in the Charlotte Observer, & that Mr Wilderson be requested to ask all those Editors who copied from him a former paragraph for publication on this subject, would also copy this.

Resolved that our next stated Session be held at Lincolnton on the first Thursday of next April

Revd Messrs Walker & Pharr and John Williamson & John M Wilson obtained leave of absence, after this evening, from the remaining part of this Session.

A regular call from Emanuels Church, for one half of the ministerial labours of Mr Patrick J Sparrow, was put into his hands which he accepted.

Revd Robert Hillarison & James Thomas Elder, asked and obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of this Presbytery

Resolved that this Presbytery meet at Emanuels Church to ordain Mr P J Sparrow, on the Friday before the 3^d Sabbath of Novr 1828.

Ordered that Mr Sparrow prepare a popular Sermon on the XVII. Chapt. and 17th verse of St. Johns Gospel, and a popular Lecture on the XXVI Chapt of the Book of Job: and that he prepare for examination as is usual in such cases

Revd Henry M Kerr was appointed to preach the ordination Sermon, and Revd Henry A Pharr his alternate. That Revd Robt H Chapman D.D. preside and give the charge, and that Revd John Lillimon be his alternate.

The Revd John M Ervin, according to his request, was dismissed from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Harmony within the bounds of which he has accepted a call, and he is hereby re—

—commended to said presbytery as in good standing with us—
Each member of presbytery was directed to spend two Sabbaths at discretion, in supplies; those members excepted who are appointed to perform duties at the presbytery at Emanuels Church.
Resolved that so much of the minutes of the General Assembly as relate to the form of a presbyterial report be deferred till the next stated sessions of Presbytery.
Resolved that each member of presbytery be directed to preach on the subject of the observance of the Sabbath, between this & the next stated sessions
Resolved that each member of presbytery appoint at such time as may be most convenient between this and the next stated sessions, a day of Thanksgiving for the goodness of God in the abundant crops, general health &c.
Resolved that so much of the minutes of the General Assembly as relate to a prayer meeting for that Body, be deferred until the next stated sessions of this presbytery
The formation of a Temperance Society was deferred till the next stated sessions. The Revd James Stafford was appointed to preach a sermon on intemperance at the next stated sessions at Lincolnton.
Revd Henry A. Pharr was appointed Stated Clerk; and Revd James Stafford was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery.
Ordered that the Stated Clerk be directed to prepare a citation to Mr Bell to attend at the meeting of Presbytery in Lincolnton on the Friday before the third Sabbath in Nov. and to prepare whatever papers may be necessary to accompany it.
Adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the first Wednesday in November
Concluded with prayer
Henry A. Pharr S.C.P.

Fifteenth Sessions of the Synod of North Carolina
Raleigh, N.C. 6th Nov. 1828.
Thus far examined & approved
Wm D. Ralph Moderator

City of Raleigh Nov. 5th 1828

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment
Constituted with prayer. Present
Revd Messrs John Robinson
Robert H. Morrison
James Stafford
William S. Hall
Revd John Robinson was chosen Moderator & Revd R. H. Morrison Clerk
On motion, Resolved that in accordance with the wishes of the members generally expressed at our last stated Sessions, Presbytery petition the Missionary Society of North Carolina to grant to the Presbytery of Concord power to manage all missionary operations within their own bounds and to draw from the funds in stock of the Society that part of the proceeds which may be deemed to be in proportion to the monies raised within their limits for the Society.
Adjourned to meet at Lincolnton on Friday the 14th of November.
Concluded with prayer. R. H. Morrison Cl

Lincolnton } November 14th 1828.
N Carolina }
The Presbytery of Concord met in this place according to adjournment.
Present
Revd Messrs R. H. Chapman D.D
Henry M. Kerr
Henry A. Pharr
John Gillimon
Elders. Jonas Ramsaur

The moderator being absent the senior minister present Revd. R. H. Chapman D.D. presided until a Moderator was chosen. Constituted with prayer. Revd Dr Chapman was chosen moderator and Henry H. Rhea Clerk.

Revd Dr McRee, by letter, rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the pieces previously assigned Revd Patrick H. Sparrow, as parts of trial preparatory to ordination.

Mr Sparrow delivered a sermon from the XVII Chp. of the Gospel by St John. & 17 verse. Considered & sustained.

He also delivered a Lecture on the XXVII Chp. of the Book of Job. Considered & sustained.

Presbytery proceeded according to the Directory of our Church, and examined Mr Sparrow upon Experimental Religion, Languages, Science, Theology, Church History, the Government & Discipline of the Presbyterian Church. all of which were sustained as parts of trials.

Whereupon, Resolved that Presbytery proceed to the ordination and Installation of Mr Sparrow, and that this be done to morrow at 2 o'clock P.M.

A letter was introduced & read, from the Revd A Broaddus Editor of the Literary and Evangelical Magazine and the Visitor & Telegraph published in Richmond Va. soliciting the patronage of this Presbytery in support of the above named Publications. Whereupon

The members of Presbytery present expressed a deep solicitude that the periodicals mentioned in the above communication, be continued; and Resolved that they would exert themselves for this purpose. We are sorry that these papers particularly the Visitor & Telegraph are not better supported. We would rejoice to have said papers in every family for inspection & Perusal.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer.

July 15th 1830. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday. Constituted with prayer & heard the minutes

Mr Leander A. Watts, a Candidate under our care, who has been absent with leave, the last year, pursuing his studies in the Union Theological Seminary, being now present, Presbytery proceeded to take the pieces previously assigned him as parts of trial.

Mr Watts read an Exegesis on the Theme assigned, which was considered and sustained.

He also delivered a sermon from the 11th verse of the 25th Psalm considered as sustained.

Whereas it appears from the minutes of Presbytery of Mecklenburg that on the 6th of September 1826 Mr Robert Lobb Caldwell was taken under the care of that Presbytery as a Candidate for the Holy ministry. & Whereas the minutes of the same Presbytery shew, that Mr Caldwell has, with approbation, gone through the greater part of the course of studies & trials prescribed by our Directory, previous to the Union of the Concord & Mecklenburg Presbyteries; and whereas said Caldwell is now recognized as a Candidate under the care of this Presbytery, with the same standing in his studies and trials, which he had previous to the Union of the Presbyteries. Whereas Mr Caldwell has spent the last year pursuing his studies in the Union Theological Seminary, and now appears before us desiring to proceed in his remaining trials, Presbytery proceeded to take the remaining parts as assigned by the Presbytery of Mecklenburg. Mr Caldwell delivered a sermon from the 11 Chapter of Romans & 14th verse, which was considered & sustained.

Messrs Caldwell & Watts were examined on the remaining parts of the Confession of Faith & Church History, considered and sustained as parts of trial.

Whereas Messrs Robert L. Caldwell and Leander A. Watts have with approbation, completed the course of study & trials prescribed by our Directory, therefore

Resolved that this Presbytery proceed to license them

to preach the Gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry. They were accordingly licensed, a record of which Licensure is made in the following manner & words following viz

"At Lincolnton the 15th of November 1828 The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr Robert L Caldwell & Mr Leander A Watts of their having gone through a regular course of literature; of their good moral characters; and of their being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their Licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in Divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all their parts of trial: and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates to be Licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do License them, the said R L Caldwell & L A Watts to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the Holy Ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called."

The Stated Clerk was directed to furnish each of the Licentiates with a copy of their Licensure.

According to the resolution of yesterday, Presbytery proceeded to the Ordination of Mr Sparrow.

Rev'd Henry A. Pharr preached the ordination sermon. The Moderator presiding, addressed the usual questions to Mr Sparrow and the Congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, Presbytery proceeded by solemn prayer and the laying on of hands to ordain the Rev'd Patrick J. Sparrow to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry and Installed him pastor of the Congregation of Emanuel. The Moderator gave the charge to the newly Ordained, and by particular request the Rev'd John Dillinman gave the charge to the Congregation.

Enquiry was made respecting the Rev'd Joseph E. Bell who, according to the proceedings had in his case at the last stated Sessions of Presbytery, was appointed to appear at this time and take his trial upon the charges lodged against him.

It appeared from the statement of the Stated Clerk that a copy of the charges, with the Witnesses to prove the same, and a citation had been taken according to the order of Presbytery and sent on to Mr Bell in due time by the hands of the Rev'd Mr Dillin. It appeared from the statement of Mr Dillin that, for the want of a proper opportunity said papers were not delivered into the hands of the Rev'd Dr Doak Stated Clerk of the Hopewell Presbytery, which a request from Mr Dillin & the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery, that Dr Doak would put said papers into the hands of Mr Bell. Upon further enquiry it appeared that no communication had yet been received from Dr Doak certifying the delivery of said papers to Mr Bell, nor any from Mr Bell acknowledging the receipt of such papers.

Whereas this Presbytery have reason to believe that the Rev'd Joseph E. Bell has received the citation sent him by the Stated Clerk according to the order of given at the last stated Session to that purpose; and whereas Mr Bell has not appeared before us according to that citation.

Therefore Resolved that Mr Bell be, and he is hereby again cited to appear before this Presbytery at its Spring Sessions to be held in this place on the first Thursday of April 1829

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward with all speed a copy of the above minute, to Mr Bell, and also all necessary papers.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lincolnton on the 1st Thursday April 1829

Concluded with prayer

Henry A. Pharr Clk

A proper late presbytery

Poplar Tent. December 8th 1828.

The Presbytery of Concord met at the Call of the moderator. Opened with a Sermon by the moderator from Matt. 25. 18th Members present. Revd James M'Ree D.D. moderator. Revd Messrs Joseph D. Kilpatrick. John Robinson. Walter L. Shorr. James Stafford, William A. Hall, & William Carrigan Elder Constituted with prayer. Wm A. Hall appointed clerk.

Presbytery then proceeded to the business for which it was called, & took up the case of Mr Josiah James Kirkpatrick who presented himself to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Testimonials of Church membership & good moral character were called for & produced, the examination of which was deferred.

Mr Carrigan obtained leave of absence. Adjourned to meet at Revd Mr Robinson's this evening at six o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Mr Robinson's. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above. Constituted with prayer.

After a serious & solemn consideration of Mr Kirkpatrick's case. Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Church to morrow at half after seven o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday 4th Poplar Tent. Presbytery met according to adjournment & Present as above. Constituted with prayer & read the minutes of yesterday. Satisfactory evidence being given by certificate & otherwise of the church membership & good moral character of Mr Kirkpatrick, Presbytery took up his examinations on experimental religion & the motives which led him to engage in the Gospel ministry. These examinations were sustained. Mr Josiah James Kirkpatrick was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate. Presbytery having sufficient evidence that Mr Kirkpatrick has gone through the usual course of study at the Auburn Seminary appointed him popular trials &c. A Sermon on Isaiah 55:1. A Theme 1 Pet. 1 Ep. 2 Esq. & a Theme from Regnum Christi sit eternum

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer. Wm A. Hall, Clerk

Lincolnton. April 2nd AD 1829

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. Opened with a Sermon by the Moderator Revd Jas M'Ree D.D. from Luke IX. 26th Constituted with prayer

Members

Ministers	Elders
Revd Messrs James M'Ree D.D.	Mr Abel Graham
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick	" Abram Alexander
" John Robinson	" John Murry
" John M. Wilson.	" Robert Williamson
" Robert H. Chapman D.D.	" James Semple
" John Williamson	" John Cowan
" Henry M. Kerr	" Robert Caldwell
" Walter L. Shorr	" ———
" Samal Gould	" Amos Alexander
" Robert A. Morrison	" Francis Gibson
" [illegible] Williamson	" Samuel M'Cluly
" James Stafford	" Alfred Perkins
" Henry A. Shorr	" Samuel Culbertson
" John Gillispie	" David M'Donald
" Jesse Rankin	" John Morrison
" William A. Hall	" Thomas Allison
" Patrick J. Sparrow	" Robert Brown
Absent	" Charles E. Reinhardt
Revd J. A. Penman	" Jacob Army
" Joseph E. Bell	" Dr Alexander Long
Samuel Williamson	" Andrew Lloyd
	" Jas P. M'Bee

Revd John M. Wilson was chosen Moderator & Revd Robert H. Morrison Clerk

The minutes of the last stated Sessions were read. The minutes of an intermediate meeting were presented & read in part & the [illegible] for correction until tomorrow morning.

The Revd Stephen Frontis presented a regular Dismission from the Presbytery of Orange, and a recommendation.

to this Presbytery as a minister of the Gospel in good standing Whereupon Resolved that Mr Frontis be received as a member. Mr Frontis was invited to a seat as a member, and his name accordingly enrolled

The Revd Christopher Bradshaw presented himself before Presbytery, as a member of the Presbytery of French Broad who, had been regularly dismissed and recommended to this Body, but having mislaid his testimonials - the consideration of his case was deferred until tomorrow morning

A regular Call from the Congregations of Bethany & Zabor for the ministerial labors of the Revd Stephen Frontis was presented to Presbytery. This ~~call being~~ in regular form was put into his hands, and which he declared his acceptance

A letter & petition was received from a newly organized Church in the county of Rowan, called Frankfort, praying to be received under the care of this Presbytery. Resolved that said Church be received

Resolved that a committee be appointed to devise ways & means to raise funds to defray the expenses of our commissionary to the general Assembly. The Revd Messrs John Robinson, James Stafford & Stephen Frontis were appointed for the above purpose, and directed to report tomorrow morning

Resolved that Revd Messrs Joseph D. Kilpatrick, John Williamson & Henry R. Pharr be a committee to make out a list of supplies for the members.

Resolved that the subject of missions be the order of the day for tomorrow 10 o'clock A.M.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Friday. Morning 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above. Constituted with prayer & read the minutes of yesterday

The consideration of the case of Mr Bradshaw

was resumed, and the following order taken viz Whereas the Revd Christopher Bradshaw having given satisfactory evidence of his regular dismission from the Presbytery of French Broad to connect himself with this Presbytery - Therefore, Resolved that he be received. Mr Bradshaw, accordingly took his seat as a member.

The committee appointed with reference to the commissioners fund reported, and the following resolutions were adopted viz

1st Resolved that each minister take up a collection annually in his Church or Churches for the commissioners fund.

2d Resolved that the compensation of our Commissioners be fixed at fifty Dollars, should that much be agreed

3d Should the annual contributions from the Churches amount to more than fifty Dollars, resolved that the surplus be reserved in the Treasury for future expenditure for the same object.

Inquiry was made respecting the observance of a day of Thanksgiving appointed by Presbytery at its last stated sessions - when it appeared that it had been generally attended to.

Inquiry was made as to the fulfilment of supplies appointed - when it appeared they had been generally fulfilled

A communication from Rions Creek Church in Buncombe County, detailing certain grievances existing among them, and praying the interference of Presbytery for their settlement, was received & read and referred to a committee, composed of Revd Messrs Robinson, Lillimon & Williamson, with orders to report thereon during the present sessions.

The minutes of an intermediate meeting of Presbytery were read and ordered to be recorded.

The minutes of a Pro re nata Presbytery held at Poplar Tent were read & ordered to be recorded.

The Examination of Mr Josiah James Kirkpatrick was appointed to take place this evening at 7 o'clock

The Revd Samuel Williamson appeared, and assigned satisfactory reasons for delay & took his seat

The Western Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Missionary Society of N.C. presented their credentials before the Presbytery and in accordance with the late resolution of said Presbytery

Society, asked the consultation and aid of Presbytery in providing means to send the ministrations of the Gospel among the destitute within our bounds. Whereupon.
Resolved that this Presbytery regard with deep interest the great object of this society & cordially recommend to the people of their Charges to aid the funds of the Society — In accordance with this resolution the following persons agreed to pay per ann. year, the sums severally annexed to their names viz

Rev'd	Wm R. Morrison —	$25.00
	John M. Wilson " " "	25.00
	John Robinson " " "	25.00
	James Stafford " " "	25.00
	James A. Rea " " "	25.00
	John Williamson " " "	25.00
	Henry McKee " " "	15.00
	Walter L. Pharr " " "	10.00
(Paid)	Henry A. Pharr (Life member)	10.00
	Samuel Williamson (Life Subscription	10.00
	Jesse Rankin " " "	10.00
	Stephen Frontis " " "	25.00
	Religion Hall " " "	20.00
	P. J. Sparrow " " "	20.00
Elder	Jno Morrison (in behalf of various Churches	12.00.
		$282.00.

The case of the Revd Joseph E. Bell was taken up. Whereas the Revd Joseph E. Bell has been twice duly cited to appear before this Presbytery to answer the Charges filed against him; and whereas it appeared from satisfactory evidence that the citations, in both cases, had been offered to him for acceptance; and that he refused to receive the first as proved by witnesses; and that he refused the second as proved by his own virtual acknowledgment to a member of this Presbytery; therefore resolved, that Mr Bell be and he hereby is suspended from the ministry of the Gospel.
Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward to Mr Bell

A third citation and a copy of the above suspension.
David M'Donald Esq. an Elder from Steel Creek congregation paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery forty Dollars; for the Theological Seminary at Princeton, the amount in full of a pledge of that congregation, given to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg in making up its proportionable part of the deficiency in the Southern Professorship.
A Letter was received from Hopewell Congregation praying to be set off from the bounds of, and dismissed from the care of this Presbytery, with leave to be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Fairfield.
Whereas the above Request cannot be granted by Presbytery, because it involves the division lines of two Synods. Therefore Resolved that our commissioners to the General Assembly be authorized to lay this matter before that Body, that the prayer of the petitioners may be granted according to our Discipline.
Ordered that the Stated Clerk inform the congregation of Hopewell of the above resolution.
The following Committees were appointed to examine the Sessional Records of the respective Churches viz
Revd A. McKinnon & Abel Graham Records of Thyatira.
" Daniel Gould & Abram Alexander Do Prospect.
" Jos. D. Kilpatrick & Jas Semple Do Emmanuel.
" Revd Hall & John Carson Do Salisbury.
" Jas Stafford & Robert Caldwell Do Bethany.
The pastoral conversation on the state of religion was made the order of the day tomorrow 9 o'clock A.M. Revd Messrs John Gillisman and Samuel Williamson were appointed to take notes & draw up a statement of the state of Religion to be sent to the General Assembly.
The Revd Messrs Daniel Gould and Jesse Rankin were appointed commissioners to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly — Ordered that Commissions be made out for the above named Commissioners & signed by the Moderator & Stated Clerk

The following contributions were made to the Commissioners fund &c.

Rev'd Messrs	Joseph D Kilpatrick	$33.00
"	Jesse Rankin	3.00
"	Henry M Shaw	3.00
"	John M Wilson	3.00
"	Robert L Morrison	3.00
"	Daniel Gould	3.00
"	P J Sparrow	3.00
"	James Stafford	3.00
"	John McClemmon	3.00
"	Walter S Shaw	3.00
"	John Robinson	3.00
"	Henry M Kerr	3.00
"	William A Hall	3.00
Congregation of	Morganton	3.00
" Rev	J Carter	3.00
do	Bethany	3.00
do	Concord Lenoir	3.00
do	Steel Creek	3.00
Andrew Hoyle, Elder	Goshen	2.00
	Salisbury	
	Concord	" 60
Rev'd	Samuel Williamson	33.00
	Total	$60.60

Resolved that the next stated Sessions of Presbytery be held at Sugar Creek Church on the 1st Thursday of September

Resolved that the Installment of the Rev'd Stephen Frontis take place at Bethany Church on the Friday before the 3d Sabbath in may: That Rev'd Dr McRee preach the Sermon. and Rev'd Jos D Kilpatrick preside and give the Charges—; and that Rev'd Messrs Stafford and W S Shaw be their alternates.

Rev'd Messrs Jno Robinson, Jno Williamson & W S Shaw with Messrs Abram Alexander, Jos Sample & Robt Caldwell obtained leave of absence after today.

A resolution was offered, that Presbytery should petition the Synod of N C. to form a new Presbytery composed of Revd Messrs Davis, Robert L. Chapman D. C. Bradshaw D. D. Kerr & Jno Gillisman. and including the counties of Burke Rutherford. Buncombe, Haywood & ma con together after discussion was deferred to the next stated Sessions of Presbytery

Certain papers relative to the communication from Rums Creek Church were presented to Presbytery & referred to the Committee appointed on that subject. Congregational reports were received and Committee to the Stated Clerk to prepare a report to the Gen Assembly.

Mr Josiah J Kilpatrick, a Candidate under our care, was examined on the Greek & Latin Languages; the Sciences, and on Theology. A consideration of these parts of trial was deferred.

Mr Kirkpatrick read an Exegesis on the Thesis sin peccatum mortale sit Verbum? which was committed to Dr Chapman and Rev'd D. Gould for examination.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Rums Creek Church, made a report which was read, and the following resolution which was recommended was adopted as Resolved that this subject be referred to a Committee, to meet on the ground with full power to hear & attempt to settle the grievances of said Church. The following persons were appointed on this Committee viz Rev'd James McRee D.D. Robert L Chapman D.D. Joseph D. Kilpatrick Henry M. Kerr, Calvin Bradshaw, Guilford Rev'd John Gillisman as the alternate of Mr Kilpatrick, with the Elders John Myers, John Carson & Adolphus Erwin. James Alexander & Thomas F. Cannon. Ordered that this Committee meet at Rums Creek Church on the 1st Thursday of August.

Adjourned to meet at half after 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

April 4th Saturday morning. Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above Ex & Dep. Those absent with leave.

Constituted with prayer and read the minutes of yesterday.
Resolved that Presbytery meet at Steel Creek Church on the Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May. Mr D. McDonald obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.
The following reports were received and adopted, viz. The Committee appointed to examine the Sessional Book of Prospect reported, that they have performed the duty assigned them, and have found the records of said Church only satisfactory
The committe appointed to examine the Sessional records of Salisbury and Concord Churches, report, that they have examined said records and have found them neatly and correctly kept as our Directory requires, and recommend that they be approved
Wm A Hall } Committee
Abel Graham }
The committee appointed to examine the records of the Session of Thyatira beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend that said records be approved —
A. H. Kerr
Abel Graham } Committee
The committee appointed to examine the Sessional records of Emanuel's Church report that they have examined said records & find the correctly kept & recommend that they be approved
Jas D. Kilpatrick
Jas Semple } Committee
The committee appointed to examine the Sessional records of Bethany reported that said records have not been put into their hands
The moderator of Presbytery Signed the above records as approved up to this time.
A request was made to Presbytery through the Revd Dr McRee that a newly organized Church in Mecklenburg County, by the by the name of Lower Centre, be taken under the care of Pres. & Resolved that said request be granted
Mr Josiah J. Kirkpatrick was examined on Church History.
The committee appointed to examine the Exegesis of Mr J. J.

Kirkpatrick made a report which was adopted, and said Exegesis was sustained as a part of trial.
The examinations of Mr Kirkpatrick on Language Science & Theology & Church History were considered & sustained as parts of trial.
Mr Kirkpatrick read a Lecture on the 15th Psalm.
Presbytery went into the business of the Education Society
Resolved that a committee, composed of Revd Messrs John M. Wilson, Robt H. Morrison & James Stafford, be appointed to examine candidates who may apply to the Education Society for aid in pursuing their studies for the Gospel Ministry
Resolved that Revd John Robinson & James Stafford be a committee to form rules for our government in future proceedings in relation to the Education Society, and to report at our next stated sessions.
Mr Kirkpatrick delivered a Sermon from Isaiah LV Chap & 7 Verse
Presbytery went into consideration of the Lecture & Sermon delivered by Mr Kirkpatrick, and after consideration Resolved that they be sustained as parts of his trials for Licensure
The committee appointed to make out supplies for vacancies made report which was adopted & is as follows viz

Revd James McRee D.D	2	Sabbaths	at Fourth Creek. 1 at Concord
"	and	1	at Lower Centre
" John M. Wilson	1		Goose Creek
" Robt H. Chapman D.D.	1		Warm Springs
" John Williamson	1		Centre.
" Henry A Kerr	1		at Discretion
" Walter L Pharr	1		Lower Centre.
" Daniel Gould	all		at Discretion.
" Christ B Bradshaw	1		at Long's River
" Robt H. Morrison	1		Centre.
" Samuel Williamson	1		Olney
" Henry A Pharr	1		Smithtown
" John Gillimon	1		Discretion.
" William A Hall	1		Discretion
" P. J. Sparrow	1		at Long Creek.

Licentiates. Robt L Caldwell. all his Sabbaths at Discretion
Leander S. Watts to supply at discretion,
Josiah [illegible]Kirkpatrick Revd Messrs John Robinson. Joseph
D. Kirkpatrick. Walter L Pharr. Stephen Frontis & P. Sparrow to
supply Mr Rankin's pulpits each one Sabbath.

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of
religion within our bounds presented their report which
was read, amended and adopted

Ordered that our Stated Clerk transmit said report to
the next General Assembly

Mr Josiah J Kirkpatrick a candidate under our care,
having gone through the examinations and trials required
by our Directory, and having answered satisfactorily
to the questions proposed to him, as directed in such
cases, was licensed to preach the Gospel, as a proba-
tioner, within our bounds, or wherever he may by the
Providence of God, be orderly called: a copy of which
Licensure is in the words following viz

"At Lincolnton on the day of April 1829 the Presbytery
of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr
Josiah James Kirkpatrick, of his having gone through a re-
gular course of literature; of his good moral character; &
of his being in the communion of the Church: preceding
to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he
having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in lite-
rature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion;
and as to his proficiency in Divinity & other studies: the Pres-
bytery did, and hereby do appoint the appointation of all the
parts of trial: and he having accepted the Confession of
Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the ques-
tions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the
Presbytery did and hereby do license him the said Josiah
James Kirkpatrick, to preach the Gospel of Christ as a pro-
bationer for the Holy Ministry, within the bounds of this Pres-
bytery, as wherever else he shall be orderly called".

Mr Kirkpatrick was directed to supply as follows viz
one Sabbath at Beersheba, 1 at Lower Beersheba. 1 at Fourth Creek
1 at Concord, the rest at discretion.

According to the resolution of Synod at its last sessions
providing a fund to defray the traveling expenses of the
Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, the fol-
lowing persons paid as follows into the hands of the Treasurer
Revd Messrs John McWilson — — $1.00
" John Robinson — — 1.00
" Joseph D. Kirkpatrick — — 1.00
" Daniel Gould — — — 1.00
" Robert H Morrison — — — 1.00
" James Stafford — — — 1.00
" Stephen Frontis — — — 1.00
" Henry L Pharr — — — 1.00
" John Gillisman — — — — 1.00
" Jesse Rankin — — — — 1.00
" P. J. Sparrow — — — — 1.00 — $11.00

The Committee appointed to examine candidates for assistance
in their Education, from this Presbytery, reported that they had
conversed with Mr Elam L. McQuiston, relative to his desire to
commence an Education preparatory to the Ministry, and
from the conversation had with him, they are satisfied with
his evidences of piety & promising talents, and do therefore re-
commend him as a Beneficiary to the patronage of Presbytery.
He was accordingly received. year for one year

Offers of Board & Tuition for him having been made by the Revd
Mr Kirkpatrick, and by the Revd Dr Chapman & Mr Broadus
jointly: it was Resolved that it be left to the choice of the Bene-
ficiary to which of the places he may go to prosecute his studies
for the next year

The minutes were read & corrected and
Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethany on the Friday before
the 3d Sabbath of May
Concluded with prayer. Robert H. Morrison Clerk

Bethany Church May 15 1829.

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present

Revd James McKee D.D.
" Joseph D. Kilpatrick — Elders
" Henry N. Pharr
" Stephen Frontis — Alexander Barr
" William A. Hall

Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick was chosen Moderator & Wm A. Hall Clerk

According to previous appointment an Installation sermon was preach by Revd James McKee D.D. from Matthew 28: 19; after which the Revd Mr Kilpatrick put the questions common at such times, both to minister and people; to which satisfactory answers having been given the Pastoral relationship was constituted between the Revd Stephen Frontis and the congregations of Bethany & Zion, & gave the charge both to minister & people.

Mr Robert Allison, a gradual of the University of N. Carolina & at present a member of the Union Theological Seminary presented himself to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Testimonials of his church membership and of his good moral character were called for and received.

Presbytery examined Mr Allison on his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the office of the Gospel Ministry. This examination was satisfactory, and Mr Robert Allison was received as a probationer under our care.

For special reasons Mr Allisons literary examination was deferred to some future time.

Mr Allison having advanced a year & a half in a course of Theological study at the Union Seminary and designing to complete a third year there in that Institution Presbytery assigned him the following subjects for trial previous to Licensure viz: An Exegesis on the Union Decrees and Septuagint. A Critical exercise I Peter 1. 6. Lecture 28 Psalms. A popular Sermon I Peter II 24. Adjourned to meet at Steel Creek on the 22 Inst

Concluded with prayer

William A. Hall Clerk

Steel Creek Church May 22d 1829.

The Presbytery of Concord met agreeably to adjournment & constituted with prayer. Present

Revd Dr. John Williamson — Elders
" Samuel Williamson — Daniel McDonald Esq
" R. H. Morrison — William Jamieson

Revd John Williamson was chosen Moderator & R. H. Morrison Clerk.

The Revd Samuel C. Watson presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Bethel and a recommendation to this Presbytery as a minister of the Gospel in good standing. Whereupon Resolved that he be and he is hereby received as a member of this Presbytery.

A Call from the congregation of Steel Creek for three fourths of the ministerial labours of the Revd Samuel C. Watson was presented to Presbytery. Said Call was put into the hands of Mr Watson and accepted by him

Presbytery then proceeded to Instal Mr Watson

An Installation sermon was preach by Revd R. H. Morrison from Acts 20th 28th after which Mr Watson and the Congregation having answered satisfactorily to the questions laid down in our Book of Discipline to be proposed in such occasions, he was by prayer & the imposition of hands installed pastor of said Church. An address was delivered to Mr Watson and also to the congregation by the Moderator

Adjourned to meet at Sugar Creek Church on the 1st Thursday of September 1829.

Concluded with prayer

Signed R. H. Morrison Clerk

Sugar Creek Church Sept 8th 1829.

Presbytery of Concord met agreeably to adjournment & was opened with a Sermon by the Revd John M. Wilson D.D. the Moderator from Isaiah 21st 11 & 12th Watchman what of the night &c. Constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers

Revd James McRee D.D.
" John Robinson D.D.
" John M. Wilson D.D.
" John Williamson
" Henry M. Kerr
" Watts L. Pharr
" Robert H. Morrison
" Samuel Williamson.
" James Stafford
" Henry N. Pharr
" Jesse Rankin
" Christopher Bradshaw.
" Patrick Sparrow
" Samuel C. Watson

Absent

Revd Joseph Kilpatrick.
" Robert H. Chapman D.D.
" Daniel Gould.
" John Gillimon.
" Johathon C. Freeman.
" W. L. Hall.
" Stephen Frantes.
" Joseph E. Bell.

With Elders

Col. William S. Allison
James Query
John Montgomery
Benjamin Alexander
John Alexander.
John Wicks
David McKinley
Thomas F. Cannon
David Ramsaur
John McDaniel &
Samuel Martin.

The Revd John Williamson was chosen Moderator & Samuel Williamson Clerk. The minutes of the last stated sessions were read
The minutes of the adjourned meeting at Bethany Church, not being present; the minutes of the adjourned meeting at Steel Creek Church were read and ordered to be recorded
The Revd Messrs John M. Wilson, Henry M. Kerr & Jesse Rankin were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the

last General Assembly, and report to this Presbytery at a convenient time any part or parts thereof that may require the attention of the Presbytery

A communication was made through our Stated Clerk, from the Revd Robt H. Chapman D.D. assigning reasons for his absence from the present sessions; which reasons were sustained.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning at 9 o'clock
Concluded with prayer.

Friday Sept 4 9 o'clock A.M. Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday and the minutes of the last sessions were read.

The Revd Stephen Frantes appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence on yesterday and took his seat.

The Revd Robt H. Morrison Treasurer of the Western Executive Committee of the Missionary Society of N. Carolina reported to Presbytery that he had received of the monies pledged by members at our last Stated Sessions the following sums Viz

Revd R.H. Morrison	(on behalf of Sugar Creek)	$27. 50 cts
" John Robinson D.D.	(Do Do Poplar Tent)	$25. 00
" Samuel Williamson	(his life subscription)	$10. 00
" Henry M. Kerr	(Do Do)	$10. 00
" James Stafford	(on behalf of Bethpage)	$9. 644
" James Stafford.	(Do Rhyotira)	$14. 45
		$96. 194

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly reported, "That it appears from said minutes, that Bethany Church, according to its request, was by the last Gen Assembly attached to, and connected with the Presbytery of Fairfield & Lynches of S. Carolina & Georgia"

The business of the Education Society was taken up, and the Treasurer the Revd John M. Wilson D.D. reported, that he had on hand for the Society $81 previous to this time, and $13 received at this meeting amounting in all to $94.00

The Committee appointed at our last Stated Sessions, to prepare and report to the present Session, rules for the regulation of the Education Society under the direction of the Presbytery of Concord.

Reported, and their report after some discussion was recommitted to the same Committee, with the addition of the Rev. S. H. Morrison.

On motion Resolved that the consideration of the Proposition presented to our last Stated Sessions, to petition the Synod with a view to the formation of a new Presbytery in the western part of our bounds, be indefinitely postponed.

The Committee appointed at the last Stated Session to meet at Rheims Creek Church for the accomodation of certain difficulties existing in said Church, were called on to report, when it appeared that the committee had failed to meet, and that nothing had been done in that case.

The committee to whom the report of rules for the Education Society was recommitted, reported and their report was considered, amended, & adopted & is as follows Viz.

Article 1st The Presbytery shall appoint within its bounds a committee of examination, whose business it shall be to examine and receive Candidates and direct them in their Studies; and the Committee shall make semiannual reports to Presbytery.

Art. 2nd All candidates who are taken under the care of this Society shall appear before Presbytery once a year while within our bounds and shall be examined by Presbytery

Art. 3rd Beneficiaries of this Society shall not remove without our bounds without permission from Presbytery; and in such case shall be placed under such direction and superintendance as Presbytery shall judge proper.

Art 4th The Examining Committee, before receiving candidates on the funds of the Society; shall be well certified of their church membership; real indigence, good moral character, and aptness to learn.

Art 5th The Examining committee shall require a written obligation from any Beneficiary, requiring him to refund the monies expended on his Education, should he voluntarily fail to fulfil the expectations of the Society; which obligation Shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

Resolved that Revd Messrs John Robinson D.D. John M. Wilson & D. Robert H. Morrison and James Stafford, with Mr John Phifer and Dr Alexander E. Wilson be, and they hereby are appointed an Examining committee for the Education Society

The Presbytery having received no official report from Mr Elam J. McGuire a Beneficiary of our Education Society; therefore

Resolved that our Stated Clerk acquaint him with the rules adopted and request his attendance at our next Stated Sessions

The Revd William A. Hall appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence on yesterday.

Mr David Ramsour a ruling Elder asked, and obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Resolved that our Presbytery hereafter meet for its stated Sessions in the Fall on the first Wednesday of October at 11 oclock A.M.

Resolved that the Presbytery of Concord meet for its next Stated Sessions at Thyatira Church on the 1st Wednesday of April 1838 at the hour of 11 oclock A.M.

On motion Resolved that Revd Henry M. Kerr C. Bradshaw & S. Frontis be a committee to prepare a letter to be addressed by the Presbytery to the People of Rheims Creek regarding the difficulties existing in that Church

The minutes of the adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Bethany Church were introduced, read, corrected and ordered to be sent

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning 9 oclock

Concluded with Prayer

Saturday Sept 8th 9 oclock. Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Present as those except those absent with leave; and the minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee appointed to prepare a letter to be sent to the people of Rheims Creek Church Reported that they had complied with their instructions and submitted a letter which was read & accepted and the Moderator and Stated Clerk were directed to sign & forward it. The Congregation of Rheims Creek.

The members being called on for their payments to the contingent fund Paid as follows to the Treasurer Viz

Rev S. Frontis $1.00 // Rev Wm A Hall $1.00 // Rev J. Williamson $1.00
.. P.J. Sparrow 1.00 .. H.M. Kerr 1.00 .. J. Stafford 1.00

		J. Lillimon	$1.00
Revd Robt. A. Marrison	$1.00	Revd S. L. Watson	$1.00
" Jno. M. Wilson DD	1.00	" Jesse Rankin	1.00
" Jno. Robinson DD	1.00	" Walter S. Sharr	1.00
" Saml. Williamson	1.00	Total	$18.00

Resolved that each member of this Presbytery pay into the hand of our Treasurer annually one Dollar for the purpose of paying the Clerk of Synod and the Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

Resolved that our Treasurer shall remunerate our Stated Clerk for all the expenses he may incur as Clerk of the Presbytery.

Resolved that this Presbytery highly approve the measures recommended by the last General Assembly on the subject of Temperance and do earnestly recommend the same to the consideration & adaption of our Churches; and that the minuts of the Gen. Assembly on this subject, together with this recommendation be published in our Congregations.

Resolved that our Stated Clerk be directed to observe the rule of the Gen. Assembly in forwarding his report from Presbytery.

Ordered that the members supply the vacancies in our bounds as follows

Revd James McRee DD	2 Sabbaths	at Fourth Creek
" John Robinson DD	1	at Fourth Creek
" John M. Wilson DD	1	on Grave Creek
" Joseph Kilpatrick	1	at Discretion
" John Williamson	1	at Olney
" Henry M. Kerr	1	at Discretion
" Walter S. Sharr	1	at Discretion
" Robert A. Marrison	1	Fourth Creek
" Samuel Williamson	1	at Discretion
" Daniel Gould	1	at Concord
" Henry M. Sharr	1	at Smyrna
" John Lillimon	1	at Hebron
" William A. Hall	1	at Discretion
" Stephen Frantis	1	at Concord
" Jesse Rankin	1	at Smyrna or Discretion
" Robt H. Chapman DD	1	at Discretion
" S. L. Wilson	1	at Long Creek
" S. J. Sparrow	1	at Olney

Licentiates. Mr J. J. Kirkpatrick to supply at Discretion
Robert L. Caldwell — at Discretion
Leander A. Watts — at Discretion

A letter or memorial was received, directed to the Moderator, from members of the committee of Centre Congregation which was read and ordered to be recorded in our minutes, and is as follows viz

"Revd Sir"

"Inasmuch as the congregation of Centre has long maintained a respectable standing among the churches; and has lately been bereaved of their Character both at home and abroad by certain written and printed papers which will go down to posterity. And inasmuch as the Presbytery of Concord, are our protectors, Guides and counsellors, we respectfully and earnestly submit it to the judgment of Presbytery, Whether said papers in file on Presbyterial record, and in Publick prints, should in justice to us remain as the now are without notice, animadversion, or contradiction by Presbytery"

The papers always alluded to are, first, a paper said to be a petition from the Session of Centre to the Presbytery of Concord at Third Creek April 1828. Secondly the decision of Presbytery as it appears on their records. The third particular we deem proper to notice is a paragraph inserted in a number of publick prints holding itself out to the world as included in the report of Presbytery of Concord to the Gen. Assembly in April 1828

Signed as members of the committee of Centre congregation
W. L. Davidson
James P. M'Ree
Ephraim Davidson

"who authorized his name to be put to this paper"

The Revd John Robinson DD & John M. Wilson DD were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the subject of the above letter or memorial

Mr Absalom K. Barr a graduate of the University of N. Carolina appeared before the Presbytery, professing a desire to be taken under our care as a candidate for the Ministry.

Mr Barr exhibited testimonials of his regular Church membership, and good moral Character; he was then examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, which examinations were approved; whereupon.

Resolved that Mr Absalom K Barr be, and he hereby is received as a candidate for the Gospel ministry under our care.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in the subject of the memorial from members of the Committee of Centre Congregation reported the following which was adopted. Viz

Resolved 1st That it is out of the power of Presbytery, and contrary to all rule and order to ~~exterminate~~ or destroy any Presbyterial minute or Record

2d As to certain matters presented before us by said memorial, they have been acted upon at our sessions at Centre Church last Sept; adjudged, and settled apparently, to the satisfaction of the ~~aggrieved~~ party.

3d That whereas the whole memorial wears the aspect of complaint, of injury done on the one part, and suffered on the other part, Presbytery assures, ~~Centre Congregation~~ deputed to act, and through them assures Centre Congregation, that we sincerely sympathize with them in any injury that they do, or may suffer, and we desire that Congregation to rest fully satisfied, that any matter of complaint that they think proper to lay before us, shall be duly, and promptly attended to, when pursued according to the rules of order and Discipline of the Presbyterian Church.

Ordered that our Temporary Clerk furnish Centre Congregation with a copy of the above report and minute.

Mr Bell's case ~~has~~ taken up; and whereas we are not in possession of any certain information or evidence that Mr Bell has been served with the citation issued at our last stated Session Therefore Resolved that his case be further continued or suspended, and that our Stated Clerk be, and he hereby is directed to issue & transmit to Mr Bell a new citation & also the minute of his suspension. The documents were made out accordingly and put into the hands of Mr Bradshaw.

Resolved that for special reasons the literary examination of Mr A K Barr be deferred for the present

Adjourned to meet at Thyatira on the 1st Wednesday of April 1830

Concluded with prayer S Williamson Clerk

Sixteenth Session of the Synod of North Carolina
12th Nov 1829. Then far opened & approved.

John Williamson Mod

Pursuant to Stipulation. April 7th 1830 Fourth Session

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. Opened with a Sermon by the Revd John Williamson Moderator. from the XIX Psalm. 9th Verse – Constituted with prayer

Members present

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	Mr Robert M'Pherson
" John Robinson D.D	Col. William S. Allison
" John M. Wilson D.D.	Andrew Davis
" John Williamson	Col Thomas Alexander
" Henry McKee	James Moore
" Wilter S. Starr	Richard Gallespie
" Daniel Gould	Col James Johnson
" Robert B. Morrison	Francis M Beaty
" James Stafford	Andrew Allison F. Creek
" Henry A Starr.	Alex Graham D C
" Christopher Bridgers	Henry Foster. Provisionals
" Stephen Frontis	Jacob Lyerly & Dr Long
" Jesse Rankin	
" Samuel C. Watson	
" William A. Bell	
" Patrick J. Sparrow.	

Ministers absent

Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick
" Robt H. Chapman D.D.
" John Gillimen
" Johnathan D Freeman
Samuel Williamson
Joseph E. Bell

The Revd Walter T. Phair was chosen Moderator, and Revd Robert H. Morrison Clerk

The minutes of the last stated sessions were read

Revd Daniel Gentle assigned reasons for his absence from the last sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained

Revd John Gillilman by a communication assigned reasons for his absence from the last sessions of Presbytery, and also from the present meetings, which reasons were sustained

The members of Presbytery were called on to know if the supplies of the last stated sessions had been fulfilled, when it appeared that the members had generally attended to their appointments

Communications from certain members of Rocky Creek were laid before Presbytery, and read & deferred for further consideration

A communication, from sundry individuals of Mecklenburg County praying to be recognized as a New Church, and to be taken under the care of Presbytery to be known by the name of Sharon, was received & read & deferred for further consideration.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday 8th April. Presbytery met according to adjournment, & constituted with prayer. Present as before, & the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Messrs Henry McKee and Jesse Rankin with William F. Allison, were appointed a Committee to examine the Session Books of the various Churches

The following preamble & resolutions, proposed by the Western Executive committee of the Missionary Society of N. Carolina being read and considered, were adopted viz

"Whereas the Board of Missions of the General Assembly has made application to the churches, that the whole of

the home Missionary operations of the Presbyterian Church be combined with the operations of that Board— And whereas the Synod of N. Carolina at their last session recommended said measure to the Churches— And whereas said plan will greatly simplify the business of Missions;— will not transfer funds from our region of country, but on the other hand will identify our interest with the more abundant funds of the Board of Missions— And whereas our own Missionaries will in the first place be preferred, & in their deficiency in point of numbers, facilities will be opened to obtain missionaries from a distance— And whereas, under the plan proposed, we will still retain essential agency in governing & directing all missionary operations within our bounds— viz in selecting missionaries, locating them, and and superintending their labours &c

Resolved, therefore that this Presbytery approve the plan, and as far as they have agency, resign the whole business of Home Missions into the hands of the Board of Missions of the General Assembly, and recommend the same measures to the Churches within their bounds."

Whereas it has pleased the great Head of the church to remove by death, since our last stated Sessions, our aged and worthy Brother, Revd Joseph D. Kilpatrick— Resolved that Presbytery, with due submission to the divine will, express their desirations for his memory; for his piety, Zeal & fidelity, manifested in his long and successful labours in the Church of Christ.

Mr Thomas Espy a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Winchester Va having presented a regular dismission from that Presbytery, and being duly recommended to this Presbytery, was received as a Licentiate in good standing.

The application, which was read yesterday, from certain individuals in Mecklenburg County, praying to be recognized as a Congregation by name of Sharon, and to be taken under the care of Presbytery, was considered, and it appearing to the Presbytery that a regular Church had not yet been organized, it was Resolved—

Resolved that the petitioners be recognised as a congregation under the care of Presbytery.

Resolved that a free conversation, on the state of religion within our bounds, be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock and that the Revd Messrs Brantly and Rankin take notes during the conversation, and prepare a report to the General Assembly, to be submitted to Presbytery during its present meeting.

The Revd John Williamson, with Henry Foster, Wm Montieth & James Jamison asked and obtained leave of absence after tomorrow.

The communications, which were read yesterday, from Pisgah Church, were taken up and having been considered for some time were referred to a committee consisting of the Revd Drs McRee Robinson and Wilson.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day and the members gave a relation on the state of religion in their respective charges

Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place to morrow morning at 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer.

Friday. April 9th Presbytery met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present as above, & the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Samuel L. Watson with Mr Andrew Allison and Robt McPherson, asked & obtained leave of absence after today.

Mr Edom S. McGuire, a beneficiary of the Education Society, being present according to our rules, the Revd Messrs John Williamson & Samuel L. Watson with Mr Andrew Allison were appointed a committee to examine him, and report to Presbytery what proficiency he is making in his studies

In order to carry into effect the plan proposed and adopted yesterday on the subject of missionary operations. Resolved that Presbytery elect a corresponding committee to consist of nine members, six ministers and three Ruling Elders. The Revd Messrs Stafford, Williamson & Gould, with Messrs Wm L. Allison & Andrew Davis were appointed to nominate persons to be elected.

Resolved that our Stated Clerk be requested to write the Revd Jonathan D. Freman respectfully requesting him personally to attend this Presbytery or to communicate his reasons for absence.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to compose the corresponding Executive Committee on Missions made report which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected viz Revd John Robinson D.D. John McRee D.D. Revd Messrs Robert H. Morrison, Hooper Harris, Stephen Frontis and John Gilliman ministers, with Messrs John Phifer Esq William L. Allison & George Andrews.

Revd Robt H. Morrison was appointed Treasurer of the Committee.

Resolved that any three members of this committee shall constitute a Quorum to do business

The Committee appointed to examine Mr McGuire were discharged, and the Revd Messrs Sparrow and Hall were appointed in their place.

The following preamble and resolutions, in relation to the Bible cause were read, and adopted viz

"Whereas, the friends of the Bible in the United States are engaged in a most noble and sublime enterprise, that of supplying all the destitute families in this great nation with the Holy Scriptures within the short period of two years from last May; and whereas much, very much, remains to be done before all the destitute families in the Western part of North Carolina shall have been furnished with Bibles: Therefore, Resolved that Presbytery earnestly recommend to all the Church Sessions, Heads of families and youth under their care, a vigorous co-operation, with the Missionary in other places, in carrying forward this work to its speedy accomplishment.

Presbytery earnestly recommend to all the ministers under

under their care, to perform short excursions in their own or in neighbouring Counties for the Bible cause, provided circumstances in their opinion justify such a measure"

Through the Revd Christopher Bradshaw, the churches of Swannanoa and Davidsons River, petitioned Presbytery for supplies whereupon ordered that the Revd Mr Bradshaw be directed to give these two churches all the supplies in his power between this and the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Church on Beetree Mills Creek also petitioned for supplies referred to the Stated Clerk

The Committee appointed to prepare a narative on the state of religion within our bounds presented one which was read and approved, and signed by the Moderator & Clerk, and ordered to be transmitted from Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to keep on file, with the other papers of Presbytery, a copy of the Presbyterial narative on the state of religion

The Revd Stephen Frontis was appointed our Commissioner to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly & The Revd Isaac Rankin his alternate.

Contributions were made as follows to the Commissioners fund viz

Revd Jno Robinson	$3	
" J. M. Wilson	$3	
" J. Williamson	$3 52½	
" A. H. Kerr	$3	
" W. S. Pharr	$3	
" D. Gould	$3	
" R. L. Morrison	$3	
" J. Stafford	$3	
" J. A. Pharr	$3	
" S. Frontis	$3	
" J. Rankin	$3	
" J. L. Watson	$3	
" W. A. Hall	$3	
" P. J. Sparrow	$3	
Session of Bt Third Creek	$3	
	$44 52½	total forty four Dollars & fifty two & half cents

Mr James Mason, asked & obtained leave of absence after to day

The Churches of Centre and Bethel having requested Presbytery to ordain Mr Thomas Espy sine titulo, who is labouring to them statedly, under the belief that he would be more useful among them. Resolved that said request be granted. Ordered that Presbytery meet at Centre on the Friday before the 3rd Sabbath of May and ordain Mr Espy, & that the Revd Dr McPheeters preside on the occasion and give the charge - that the Revd Dr Robinson preach the ordination sermon, and that the Revd Jno Williamson and P. J. Sparrow also attend.

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Beetree Creek made a report, which was read, adopted and is as follows viz

"The committee appointed to bring in a minute relative to the memorial &c. from Beetree Creek beg leave to report, That in two of the papers there is nothing claiming the further attention of Presbytery, except the request for a portion of the ministerial labours of the Revd Mr Bradshaw, to which we recommend that the attention of Presbytery be turned

2nd As to the memorial, upon full and careful examination, your committee find that every thing claiming the attention of Presbytery as a judicial body, is a complaint against a member of that church viz Mr Robert Williamson a Ruling Elder. This is a case primarily cognizable before a church Session - your committee, therefore, respectfully advise that a Session be organized for that purpose - It is further recommended that a letter be written to the memorialists, informing them of the measures adopted for the investigation and issue of the matters complained of - & also informing them that if an appeal to Presbytery be ultimately necessary, that in that case every facility on the part of Presbytery will be afforded"

In compliance with the above minute, the Revd Mr Pharr as Moderator, James Gilleland, Robert Logan Mr Millsaps & Curtis Saunders together with such other Elders as Mr Pharr may select and obtain, compose the Session to attend

to the whole business of that Church to meet at Reems Creek on the 1st Thursday of August 1830 and that the Moderator with any two Elders be a Quorum —

The Revd Dr Wilson was appointed to write the letter above referred to

Resolved that the next stated Sessions of Presbytery be held in Morganton & to commence on the 1st Thursday of October 1830

The Revd Messrs Dr McRee & R. H. Morrison asked and obtained leave of absence after this morning.

Adjourned to this place to morrow morning 9 o'Clock. Concluded with prayer

Saturday. April 18th

Presbytery met according to adjournment & was constituted with prayer — Present as above except those who had leave of absence.

Revd Stephen Frantis was appointed Clerk in the place of Mr Morrison who had leave of absence. The minutes of yesterday were read

A call in regular form from the Church of Fayetteville for Mr Josiah J. Kirkpatrick, a Licentiate of this Presbytery, was laid before Presbytery: when on motion it was resolved that Mr Kirkpatrick be interrogated respecting his willingness to retain said call & receive a dismission from this Presbytery. Mr Kirkpatrick having signified his willingness to retain said call, it was Resolved that Mr Josiah J. Kirkpatrick be, and he hereby is dismissed from this Presbytery, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Fayetteville

The Revd Mr Brackenridge having asked the advice of Presbytery respecting the expediency of his continuing to preach a portion of his time at Reems Creek, in compliance with the expressed wishes of a respectable portion of that congregation — it was Resolved that under existing circumstances it is inexpedient for him to do so

Resolved that Presbytery now take into consideration the case of the Revd Joseph E. Bell.

It was ascertained that the last citation, issued at the last stated sessions of Presbytery, had been duly served on Mr Bell, and it appeared that he still remains contumacious: therefore, after solemn deliberation it was unanimously agreed that Presbytery now proceed to definitive measures in his case

The question then proposed was, "Shall Joseph E. Bell be now deposed for contumacy from the Holy Ministry. The Roll being called, it was unanimously Resolved that the Revd Joseph E. Bell be, and he hereby is, for contumacy, deposed from the office of the Holy ministry

Resolved that the Revd Mr Sparrow be furnished with a copy of these minutes, and authorized to publish in Emanuels Church, and other places in Lincoln County, the above decision of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to examine Mr McGuire reported, which report was accepted & is as follows viz

"Your committee beg leave to report that they have examined Mr Elam J. McGuire on a part of the Latin Language, and find that he has advanced as far as the first of Cæsar. Your Committee further report that it is their opinion that the advancement of Mr McGuire is considerably short of what is common in the same length of time, and that he is not very well acquainted with that part of the language which he has studied. However we recommend that his examination be sustained"

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the Books, made their report, which was accepted & is as follows viz

"The committee appointed to examine the sessional records of the different Churches under the care of Presbytery report that they have examined the records of the Churches of Salisbury, Concord, Cabarrus County, & Prospect and find them kept with care, and all their proceedings to be in accordance with the discipline of our Church; and recommend that they be signed by the Moderator as approved. The committee

they leave to turn the attention of Presbytery to certain resolutions found on the records of the Church in Concord, Cabarrus County, on the subject of Dancing, and recommend that Presbytery express their high approbation of said resolutions

Your Committee also feel it their duty to call the attention of Presbytery to certain erasures found on the 23d & 24th pages of the Session Book of Prospect Church.

The committee further report that no other records have been put into their hands, and suggest to Presbytery the propriety of enquiring into the cause of this failure.

The resolutions referred to in the above report, as recorded in the Session Book of Concord (Cabarrus) having been read, it was Resolved that Presbytery highly approve said resolutions, as truly conformed to the Spirit of the Gospel

Resolved that the consideration of the Queries referred by the Session of Prospect, to this Presbytery, on the subject of Baptism, be postponed to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The members of Presbytery with the Licentiates were ordered to supply our vacancies as follows viz

Revd	James McRee	D.D. to supply 2 Sabbaths				a Discretion
"	Dr Robinson	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	Dr Wilson	—	/ Goose creek	—	dr	— Discretion
"	J. Williamson	—	—	/	—	— Little creek
"	H.H. Kerr	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	W.S. Starr	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	D. Gould	—	—	—	—	— Discretion
"	R.H. Morrison	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	D. Williamson	/ Rocky River	Mills Creek			ar Discretion
"	J. Stafford	—	—	/	—	— Fayett Creek
"	W.M. Starr	—	—	/	—	— Smyrna
"	J. Gillisman	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	S. Frontis	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	C. Braddshaw	Savannah	& Davidson River			ar Discretion
"	S.L. Watson	—	—	/	—	— Goshen
"	W.A. Hall	—	—	/	—	— Discretion
"	P.J. Sparrow	—	—	/	—	— Albany
"	D.L. Chapman	—	—	—	—	— Discretion

Licentiates, R. L. Caldwell & W. Watts to supply at Discretion.

The following persons paid the sums annexed to their names to the Treasurer of the Western Executive committee, redeeming, in whole or in part, their pledges given to said committee at the spring sessions of Presbytery held in Lincolnton in 1829. viz

Revd	William M. Hall	$ 20.00
"	James Stafford	$ 7.50
"	Stephen Frantis	$ 25.00
"	John [illegible]rrison	$ 25.00
"	Walter [illegible]r	$ 10.00
"	Patrick J Sparrow	$ 15.00
"	Henry McKee	$ 5.00
		$ 107.50

Revd Mr Rankin having asked leave to be released from the pledge which he gave last spring to the Western Executive committee to contribute 10 Dollars towards their funds; it was Resolved that he be released

The minutes were read and corrected, and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Centre on the Friday before the third Sabbath of May 1830.

Concluded with prayer

Stephen Frantis
Clerk pro tem.

Seventeenth Session of the Synod of N.C.

Thus far examined & approved.

Sam[l] L Graham Mod.

14. Oct. 1830.

Hojewell N.C.

Centre Church. Iredell. N.C. May 14th 1830

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and by special request, was opened with a Sermon by the Rev'd P. J. Sparrow from II Corin. IV Chapt. & 5th v.

Present Ministers
Rev'd James McRee D.D. } Elders
" John Robinson D.D. } Patt. McSharsen
" A. Pharr } Francis Beaty
" P. J. Sparrow

No other Members of Presbytery were absent with leave
Constituted with prayer by the Rev'd Dr McRee
Rev'd Dr McRee was chosen Moderator & Rev'd P. J. Sparrow Clerk.

Our Licentiate Mr Thomas Espy preached, as a part of trial, a sermon from Heb. X Chapt. & 33 & first Clause.
Adjourned to meet at Mrs H. D. Henslons at 8 o'clock P.M.
Concluded with prayer

Mrs H. D. Henstons. 8 o'clock P.M.
Presbytery met according to adjournment, Rev'd Dr Robinson in the Chair. Constituted with prayer.
Mr Espy exhibited a Diploma of Bachelor of Arts from Jefferson College Pa.
Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Espy on Languages & Sciences as directed in our Book of Discipline, he was also examined on experimental religion, on Theology, on the Government & Discipline of the Presbyterian Church.
Adjourned to meet at the Church to-morrow at 9 o'clock A.M.
Concluded with prayer.

May 16th Centre Church. 9 o'clock A.M.
Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as above, the minutes of yesterday were read.

Presbytery took into consideration the different parts of trial exhibited by Mr Espy, all of which were satisfactory and sustained. Whereupon Resolved that Presbytery now proceed to his ordination.
The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev'd Dr Robinson from I Peter IV Chapt. & 10th & 11th v.s
The Rev'd Dr McRee presiding, those questions were proposed to Mr Espy which our Book of Discipline directs to be proposed in such cases, all of which he satisfactorily answered. Mr Espy was ordained and set a part to the whole of the Gospel Ministry by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery
The right hand of fellowship was then given, by the members of Presbytery, to the newly ordained Evangelist, and a solemn and appropriate charge was delivered to him, by the Moderator.
Adjourned to meet at Morganton on the first Thursday of October
Concluded with prayer
P. J. Sparrow Clerk

Morganton. N.C. October 4th 1830. Fifth Session

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, the opening Sermon, upon special request, was preached by the Rev. Dr Wilson from St John IX. Chapt. 4th v.

Constituted with prayer by the preceding Moderator.

Present. Ministers.

Rev. John Robinson D.D.
" John M Wilson D.D.
" John Williamson
" Henry M Kerr
" Ralt H. Morrison
" Samuel Williamson
" Henry A Pharr
" Christopher Bradshaw
" Stephen Frantis
" John Lillyman
" Jesse Rankin
" Williams Hall
" Patrick J Sparrow

Ministers absent

Rev. James McRee D.D.
" Ralt H Chapman D.E.
" J.A. Freeman
" Fuller G Pharr.

Elders

John Carson
John F. McNeely

John Morrison

Adolphus Erwin

Isaac Erwin
Joseph Davidson from J Creek
Ralt Potts — Bethel.

Daniel Gould. James Stafford. J.L. Watson

The Rev. Samuel Williamson was chosen Moderator, & Revd Ralt H. Morrison Clerk.

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions were read. The minutes of an intermediate Session, appointed to be held at Centre Church, on the 14th day of May, for the purpose therein mentioned, were read; from which it appeared that Mr Thomas Espy, a Licentiate under our care, was, on the 15th day of May, at Centre Church, regularly ordained as an Evangelist. Mr Espy's name was enrolled and he took his seat as a member of this Presbytery.

The members of Presbytery were called on to ascertain how far the supplies appointed at the last meeting had been fulfilled, when it appeared that they had generally been fulfilled.

Letters, assigning reasons for absence from the present session of Presbytery, were received from the Rev. Dr M'Ree, and Revd James Stafford, which reasons were considered & sustained.

A communication was received and read from Fourth Creek petitioning for the ordination of our Licentiate Mr Robert L. Cascaden

The Stated Clerk reported that he had complied with the order of Presbytery, directing him write Rev. J. Freeman to ascertain the reasons of his absence from the meetings of Presbytery, and that no answer had yet been received.

Presbytery being informed that Mr Freeman resided in Parsonsburgh, and not in Harford as was supposed by our Stated Clerk: ordered that he write again making the same enquiry

Revd Messrs H.M. Kerr & H.A. Pharr, were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly, and report any subjects that which may demand the attention of Presbytery.

The Revd Jesse Rankin, who was appointed the alternate of the Revd Stephen Frantis, as commissioner to the last General Assembly, reported that he had attended the meeting of that Body and discharged the duties to which he was called.

The following members paid into the Treasury their annual contributions to the contingent fund. viz

Revd S. Frantis	— — —	$1.00
" H.M. Kerr	— — —	$1.00
" R.H. Morrison	— — —	$1.00
" P.J. Sparrow	— — —	$1.00
" J. Lillyman	— — —	$1.00
" W.A. Hall	— — —	$1.00
" J. Robinson D.D.	— — —	$1.00
		$7.00

Rec'd J. Williamson — — — $1.00
" J. H. Wilson D.D. — — — $1.00
" S. Williamson — — — $1.00
" J. Stafford — — — $1.00
" J. Rankin — — — $1.00
" Thos Espy — — — $1.00
" C. Bradshaw — — — $1.00 $7.00 : 7.00 $14.00

A request from the Rev'd Robt H Chapman D.D. to be dismissed from this Presbytery, to become connected with that of the Western District in Tennessee being presented and read; it was Resolved that Dr Chapman be accordingly dismissed and recommended to said Presbytery as a member in good standing. Ordered that our Stated Clerk forward a certificate of this dismission and recommendation to Dr Chapman.

The Presbytery proceeded to consider the following question on the ordinance of Baptism presented for their consideration at our last stated Sessions by the Session of Prospect, and which was deferred until this meeting for discussion viz

"Do Parents who have been Baptized in Infancy, have a title to that ordinance for their Children before such Parents have made a public profession of religion?

After a long discussion of the question the following answer was unanimously adopted viz "Yes, if they profess their faith in Christ and determination to walk in all his ordinances."

Presbytery unanimously express as their opinion, that the same qualifications which are necessary for one of the sealing ordinances of the Church are necessary for the other.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at half past 8 o'clock

Concluded with prayer.

Friday, 8th ½ past 8 o'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and constituted with prayer. Present as above — the minutes of yesterday were

read and corrected

The petition of Fourth Creek for the Ordination of Mr Robert L. Caldwell as an Evangelist was duly considered, and Presbytery Resolved that, although ordination, sine titulo, is by our Constitution Discipline in some cases admissable and necessary, yet the present state of Fourth Creek does not appear to be of that peculiar kind as to render it expedient to grant the prayer of this petition. See form of Govt Chapt 15th Sect 15th

A request was presented from our Licentiate Leander A. Walls who is now preaching in Va for his ordination as an Evangelist, which being considered Presbytery — Resolved that for similar reasons as those expressed in the preceding case it is judged inexpedient to grant this request.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, reported that the following subjects demanded the attention of Presbytery viz "Education Society — The cause of Temperance — a day of Fasting humiliation & prayer — Sabbath School Instruction — Lotteries, and the Contingent Fund of the General Assembly.

The subject of Sabbath School Instruction was referred to the Rev'd Messrs Beaty & Rankine — Education, to Drs Wilson & Robinson — Temperance cause, referred to Rev'd Messrs Sparrow & Hall — Lotteries referred to Rev'd Messrs J. Robinson D.D. and J. Williamson — Contingent Fund of the General Assembly to Rev'd Mess'rs Kerr & H. R. Pharr, respectively to report.

The Session organized to meet at our last stated Sessions to meet at Rims Creek to attend to the affairs of that Church, reported that they had met according to appointment. The minutes of their proceedings were read and various statements and explanations given by the Moderator of the Session, Whereupon Resolved that Presbytery approve of the Zeal, diligence, and fidelity of that Session in executing the trust reposed in them — 2d Resolved that Presbytery sincerely rejoice in all the

ground gained towards peace, harmony & good order in that Church; and hope the aspect is promising that Christian order and prosperity are about to prevail there.

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of Sabbath School Instruction, made report, which was adopted & is as follows viz.

"The Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions of the last General Assembly, respecting Religious Education & Sabbath School Instruction, would recommend to Presbytery the adoption of the following Resolutions viz 1st Resolved that Presbytery fully concur with the General Assembly respecting the vast importance of Sabbath Schools, and of religious Instruction, both public and private: and in as much as the Assembly enjoins it on Presbyteries to make the progress of the Sabbath School cause within their bounds the subject of special inquiry and report — We Presbytery earnestly recommend to all its members, to establish Sabbath Schools in all their congregations where such institutions do not already exist — to make themselves more acquainted with the system of Sabbath School instruction according to the most improved plan now in use — To endeavour to establish, sparingly, Sabbath School Libraries, in every congregation — and where practicable, to visit — catechise the various Societies, and Lecture the Sabbath School Teachers statedly on the Select Scripture Lessons. Also, to visit the Schools frequently, and address the Teachers and Children then collected; and by every means in their power to promote the prosperity, and extend the influence of those institutions.

2 Resolved — That respecting the remissness in the important duties of family and catechetical instruction, which to some extent has prevailed: the Presbytery deeply lament the evil, and earnestly recommend to all its members, and Church Sessions, and heads of families to be faithful in this important duty, and by no means to suppose that the existence of Sabbath Schools can relieve them from its discharge. but to place in the hands of all the children in our congregations the Larger and Shorter Catechisms — Statedly to assemble them together, to give the Pastor or Elders an opportunity to hear them recite from memory, and to explain to them those excellent summaries of Truth and Duty.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution of the General Assembly respecting its Contingent Fund, made report which was adopted and is as follows viz "The Committee appointed to report on that part of the minutes of the General Assembly which relates to the Missionary & Contingent Fund of that Body, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following resolution viz Resolved "that Presbytery approve of the alteration made by that Assembly, and cordially adopt the plan proposed by that Body,,

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Lotteries made report, which was adopted & is as follows viz.

The Committee appointed on the subject of Lotteries beg leave to report — "that having carefully examined the Resolutions adopted by the General of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, do recommend to Presbytery the adoption of the following resolution viz Resolved that this Presbytery do most cordially approve of those resolutions adopted by the General Assembly in relation to Lotteries, at their late meeting — That they do consider the principle of Lotteries as evil in its nature and dangerous in its tendency; therefore all professing Christians should carefully avoid all connexion with the purchase or sale of Lottery Tickets, whatever may be their professed object,,.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the General Assembly on the subject of Temperance made report which was adopted and is as follows viz Your Committee beg leave to report. They recommend that this Presbytery express its high approbation of the spirit manifested in the resolutions of the General Assembly, passed at its late sessions on the subject of Temperance — That Presbytery adopt those resolutions, and that each member of this Presbytery be required to read said resolutions to the congregations to which the ministers,,

Resolved that this Presbytery cordially approve of the Resolution of the last General Assembly recommending that the second Thursday of November next be observed as a day of Fasting, Humiliation & prayer on account of the sin which exists and on the whole land, by the profanation of the Sabbath, and that it is recommended to all our Churches to observe this day,,

Ordered that our Stated Clerk give public notice of this recommendation in due time previous to the day to be observed

Revd John Williamson and the Moderator Revd Samuel Williamson asked, and obtained leave of absence after today

1st Resolved, that the Session organised at our last stated Sessions, and to whom were committed the correction of grievances in Rims Creek, be continued, with the addedition of the Revd Thomas Espy as Assistant or Alternate to the Moderator — that the Session meet at the call of the moderator, further to investigate, and adjust the unsettled business of that Church.

2 Resolved that the said Session when met, as far as prudence may apear to direct, make investigation on the subject of certain conflicting Certificates stated to have issued from certain members of that Church, and ultimately to act in that case as prudence may direct & may appear best.

Resolved that the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery be held at Unity in Lincoln County on the 4th Wednesday of April 1881. at 11 oclock A.M.

Resolved that it be a standing rule that the Stated Clerk give public notice of the regular meetings of Presbytery at least four weeks before they take place.

Revd Messrs H. M. Pharr & R. D. Hall were appointed a committee to make out a list of supplies to be laid before Presbytery.

Resolved that Presbytery recommend to all its members to raise as much as they find practicable before our spring Sessions, to redeem a pledge made some years since to the Revd Hugh Wilson, for his support as a Missionary among the Chickasaw Indians

Presbytery proceeded to the Examination of our Candidate Mr Absalom K. Barr, on the following branches viz Latin and Greek Languages, Mathematics, Astronomy, and Moral Philosophy

Presbytery proceeded to consider the examination of

Mr Barr on the above branches of literature, which was deemed satisfactory. Whereupon Resolved that it be sustained. The Corresponding Executive Committee appeared before Presbytery and presented the following resolution viz "Resolved that the corresponding Executive Committee will endeavour, in reliance on divine aid, by our next stated Sessions of Presbytery, to raise the sum of one thousand Dollars in co-operation with the Board of Missions of the General Assembly; and that all the members of Presbytery be and hereby are earnestly requested to co-operate & assist in this plan." Whereupon Presbytery unanimously Resolved that said resolution be approved.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Sat. 9th 9 Oclock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. The moderator being absent with leave, the Revd C. Bradshaw was Chosen Moderator protem. Constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday except those absent with leave. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Committee appointed to make out a list for the supply of our Vacancies made report which was adopted & is as follows viz Your Committee report as follows to supply our Vacancies viz

Revd R. McRee & Sallets at Discretion.
" Dr Robinson 1 — — at Centre (Special
" Dr Wilson — 1 — — on Goose Creek
" J. Williamson 1 — — at Long Creek
" H. M. Kerr 1 — — at Tilsam
" D. Gould — — —
" H. M. Pharr 1 — — at Prospect (Special
" R. H. Morrison 1 — — at Oar Bank
" J. Williamson 1 — — at Six mile Creek
" J. Stafford — — —
" H. M. Pharr a special mission to Rims Creek
" C. Bradshaw. at Franklin

Rev. A. Frantis / Sallett at Third Creek
" J. Rankin / — — at Back Creek
" J. Gillman / — — at Drucilla
" W. E. Watson / — — at Hebron
" M. J. Hall - / — — at Franklin
" P. J. Sparrow - / — — at Washington
" D. Espy - a special mission to Pinns creek
Licentiate R. L. Caldwell to supply at Discretion

Your Committee recommend the adaption of the following resolutions viz 1st Resolved that each member of this Presbytery make a report to us, at our next Stated Sessions, of the Churches of the Church where he is now ordered to supply.

2d Resolved, that it be a standing rule of this Presbytery to have the Sacrament of the Lords Supper administered once a year in all our vacant churches.

3d Resolved that as far as practicable provisions be made that all our vacant Churches be Catechised at least once a year.

On Motion, resolved that subjects for trial be now assigned to our Candidate Mr A. K. Barr. whereupon the following subjects were assigned viz

1 A Latin Exegesis on the following theme. Originale peccatum quid est? Quomodo probatur.
2 A critical Exercise on Romans VIII Chapt. 18–23 vs inclusive
3 A Lecture on Matt IV Chapt from 1–11 vs inclusive
4 A Sermon of John VIII Chapt & 12 verse "I am the light of the world."

Resolved, that our Treasurer be instructed, and authorised to send on to the American Sunday School Union for 500 copies of the Shorter Chatechism, and 500 Copies of Brown Chatechism for children.

Presbytery proceeded to the business of the Education Society.

1st Organization Resolved, that this Presbytery as an Education Society, become auxiliary to the Board of Education under the care of the General Assembly

2nd Resolved that our Secretary inform the Corresp. Secretary of the Assembly's Board of this resolution

Rev Henry M. Kerr reported Twenty Dollars collected for the Education Society. Mr Kerr also pledged himself in behalf of the people of Little Britain to raise Thirty Dollars in money & Clothing for a particular Beneficiary.

Mr Hankafe Irwin being presented to the Society as a youth of promise, who wishes to obtain an Education with a view to enter the Gospel Ministry; and having been duly examined, and recommended, by the Standing Committee of Presbytery, was received as a Beneficiary under our care.

The business of Presbytery was resumed

The following Resolution was presented, and after some discussion, the decision on it, deferred till the next Stated Sessions viz

Whereas our Book of Discipline requires that each church Session shall submit their records once a year to the inspection of Presbytery; & whereas many of the Sessions have not attended to this requisition; and whereas the higher judicatories are directed to issue an order, to the lower judicatories, when they are delinquent in this respect, to send up their Records for review. Therefore

Resolved "That Presbytery do require of all our Church Sessions to send up their records to our next Stated spring Sessions, and afterwards annually, which shall be at the Stated Spring Sessions."

After some conversation on the subject. Revd Messrs John Gillman and Henry M. Kerr were appointed a Committee to enquire into the expediency of establishing a School in which Beneficiaries may may contribute in part, or in whole to their own support by some regular System to call forth their own exertions.

1st Resolution Resolved that the Thanks of this Presbytery be returned to the Inhabitants of Morganton for their hospitality and attention to the members during their meeting

2 Resolved that the Thanks of Presbytery be tendered to Mr McIntyre for his kindness in accommodating Presbytery with room in his house in which to hold its sessions

Presbytery adjourned to meet during the Sessions of Synod at Hopewell Church, at the call of the Moderator.
Concluded with prayer

Robt. A. Morrison C.P.C.

Sessions of Synod. Hopewell Church. October 14th 1831
At the call of the Moderator the Presbytery of Concord met at the house of the Revd John Wilkinson. Constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elder
Revd James McRee D.D.	
" John M. Wilson D.D.	
" John Wilkinson	William Mantuth
" Henry M. Kerr	
" James Stafford	
" Jesse Rankin	
" William A. Hall	
" P. J. Sparrow	

The other members of Presbytery were absent with leave.
On the absence of the Moderator and Clerk. The Revd Dr McRee was chosen Moderator. and Revd Patrick J. Sparrow Clerk
Messrs James E. Morrison and Thomas P. Johnson appeared before us desiring to be taken under our care as candidates for the Gospel Ministry; and having given satisfactory testimonials of their good moral characters — that they were members

of fair standing, in full communion in the church — that they had completed a full Literary course, and were regularly graduated at the University of N Carolina: Presbytery proceed to examine them on experimental religion, and the views which have influenced them in seeking the work of the Gospel Ministry
The above mentioned examination was considered and deemed satisfactory: Whereupon Resolved that those young Gentlemen viz James E Morrison and Thomas P Johnson be, and they are hereby received under the care of this Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel Ministry
Presbytery then proceeded to examine them on a course of Literature viz Ancient Astronomy. Geography. Geometry. Natural Philosophy and Chemistry
Resolved that the examination be suspended for the present.
The following parts of trial were assigned to the candidates just received viz Mr James E Morrison a Latin Exegesis on the theme Duo sensus fidei justificari decernunt
To Mr Thomas P Johnson a Latin Exegesis on the theme Originale peccatum quid sit et quomodo peccato peccatum
The Revd John Wilkinson a pastor of the Presbytery of Orange communicated to this Presbytery that he had received a commission from the General Assembly's Board of Missions to act as their Agent in the Western part of the State of N Carolina and requested that this Presbytery would make such order for the purpose of facilitating said agency as in their wisdom they may deem proper —
Whereas there is but a minority of the members present, and whereas we have learned that the Revd Mr Wilkinson does not intend to commence his agency amongst us until some time in next summer; therefore,
Resolved that the consideration of this communication be postponed until the regular Spring Sessions of Presbytery
Adjourned to meet at Unity Church, in Lincoln County, on the 1st Thursday in April 1831. at 11 o'Clock A. M.
Concluded with prayer P. J. Sparrow Clerk. pt.

Sixth Session of Concord Presbytery.

1831 April 6th Unity. Lincoln N. Carolina.

Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon from John V Chapt. & 4th verse by the Moderator Revd Samuel Williamson.

Constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D	Mr Rankin Alexander
" John Robinson D.D.	"
" John M. Williamson	" Jesse Groves
" Henry M. Kerr	" Thomas Alexander
" Walter L. Pharr	"
" Daniel Gould	" Alexander Robinson
" Robt H. Morrison	" James Black
" Samuel Williamson	
" Stephen Frontis	" David McKinly
" James Stafford	George Andrews (B. Creek
Henry L. Pharr	Samuel McCurdy (Prospect
" Christopher Bradshaw	" Alford Perkins
" John Gillisman	" Samuel Martin
" William A. Hall	" Samuel Gingles
" Samuel C. Wilson	" Robt Johnston
" Patrick J. Sparrow	" Alexander Jellan
" Thomas Espy	" Thomas A. Allison Jr Creek
Absent	
Revd John M. Wilson D.D.	
" Jesse Rankin	
" J. D. Freeman	

The Revd James Stafford was chosen Moderator and Revd Robt H. Morrison Clerk

The minutes of the last stated session were read. The Revd Messrs W. L. Pharr - Gould & Watson reasons for their absence from the last stated Sessions of Presbytery which were sustained

Presbytery proceeded to inquire how far the injunctions of the last stated Sessions, with regard to the resolutions of the last General Assembly in Temperance, had been complied with, when it appeared that the members had generally read said resolutions in their churches

Upon inquiry being made it was found that the appointments of supplies to vacant churches had been generally fulfilled.

The minutes of the Presbytery which met during the Session of Lyncas at Hapmill, were presented & read and ordered to be recorded in their proper place

The Revd James Stafford presented to Presbytery a request that the pastoral relation hitherto existing between him and the congregation of Bethpage might be dissolved, and the said congregation having by their commissioners, signified their assent to this request it was resolved that the pastoral relation between Revd James Stafford and the congregation of Bethpage be, and it hereby is dissolved, and that congregation is declared vacant.

The Revd Messrs John Robinson D.D. Henry L. Pharr and Mr George Andrews were appointed a committee to make out a list of supplies for vacancies, agreeably to a resolution of Presbytery at its last meeting, which requires that the Sacrament of the Lords Supper should be administered, once a year, in each vacant church.

The Stated Clerk reported that he had complied with the order of Presbytery in writing to the Revd Mr Freeman, and that no answer had yet been received. On motion Resolved that Presbytery take up, and consider, the case of the continued absence of Revd Mr Freeman from the sessions of Presbytery.

After due consideration it was ordered that our Stated Clerk write to Revd Mr Freeman again on this subject, and that he commit the letter to the care of our commissioner to the—

General Assembly, who is directed to use all prudent measures to procure its certain delivery

Resolved that the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds be the order of the day for tomorrow at 10 o'clock. and that Revd Messrs John Williamson. John Gillespie James Stafford and Mr James Black be a committee to tabulate statistics, and to prepare a narrative to be forwarded to the Gen'l Assembly —: To report a draught as soon as convenient

The Committee appointed at our last stated sessions to consider the plan of a School for the Education of Youth for the Gospel Ministry, made report which was read and laid on the Table for future disposal

A regular Call from Fourth Creek Church for one half of the Ministerial labours of Mr Robt L. Caldwell, a Licentiate under our care, was presented and read, and being in due form, was put into the hands of Mr Caldwell, who took said call under consideration

Revd Walter S. Pharr asked, and obtained leave of absence after this morning

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer.

7th April, Thursday morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday except Mr W. S. Pharr absent with leave. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Revd Mr Rankin appeared in Presbytery and having assigned reasons for his absence on yesterday took his seat.

Revd Mr Stafford presented his resignation as Treasurer of Presbytery, which was accepted.

Revd Messrs John Williamson and Jesse Rankin were appointed a committee to examine accounts of the Treasurer & report.

The Revd John Williamson was appointed Treasurer in place of Mr Stafford resigned

The Revd Messrs J Francis & P.J. Sparrow were appointed a committee to select subjects of Trial for our Candidates Messrs Morrison & Johnson previous to Licensure —: to report to Presbytery as soon as ready

Mr Robt L. Caldwell being inquired of informed Presbytery that he accepted the Call from Fourth Creek which was put into his hands on yesterday — Whereupon it was Resolved to take measures for his ordination

Resolved that the Fall session of this Presbytery be held at Fourth Creek Church, to commence on the 1st Thursday of October, and that then and there Mr Caldwell be ordained and installed Pastor of said Church

Ordered that Mr Caldwell prepare a Sermon from Psls 87th 2d & 4th verses. A Lecture from Ephesians II Chapt first nine verses — and to prepare for Examination according to the Book of Discipline

Revd John Robinson DD was appointed to preach the Ordination sermon, and the Revd John Williamson to be his alternate. The Revd R.H. Morrison to give the charge to the Minister & Revd John M. Wilson DD. his alternate.

The Revd Dr McRee to give the charge to the people, the Revd Samuel Williamson his alternate

The committee appointed to select subjects for trial for our candidates made report, which was accepted and is as follows viz. Mr Thomas R. Johnson for a Critical Exercise I Peter IV Chapt 4 & 6 v. A Lecture on the 28th Psalm. A popular Sermon on I Peter II. Ch. 24th Mr James E. Morrison to prepare a critical exercise on VI Chapt 1—6 verses inclusive — A popular Sermon on the 30th verse of the XVII Chapt of the Acts of the Apostles — A Lecture on I Cor. III Chapt 1—15 verses inclusive

Presbytery proceed to hear the narratives from the different members on the State of religion within our bounds

The Revd Henry N. Pharr requested that the pastoral relation existing between him and the congregations of Prospect Shanda be

dissolved, and that Church, by commissioners appointed for the purpose, having given their consent that the prayer of the petition should be granted- Therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation existing between Mr Phares the reputed Church be and hereby is dissolved-; and said Church is declared to be vacant.

Messrs Samuel McNeely. Thomas A. Allison & Abram Jettin asked & attained leave of absence after this evening.

Presbytery proceeded to the Election of a commissioner to represent this Presbytery in the next General Assembly- when the Revd Samuel E. Watson was declared duly elected, and the Revd John Williamson his alternate.

Contributions were made to the Commissioners fund as follows viz

Revd P.J. Sparrow	—	$3
" S. Wantis		$3
" C. Bradshaw		$3
" M.A. Hall		$3
" J. Dillinman		$3
" H.M. Kerr		$3
" S. Williamson		$3
" J. Robinson		$3
" R.H. Morrison		$3
" fourth Creek per S.A. Allison		$3
" Bethel per A. Jettin.		$1.
		$34.

A communication was laid before Presbytery from Mr John Gash of Centre Church, complaining of certain statements which he supposes the Revd Thomas Espy, a member of this presbytery, to have made affecting his reputation, and praying Presbytery to take measures to give him redress

After hearing this communication read, Presbytery resolved itself into an inter Coalitary meeting to canvass freely on the merits of the case — After receiving all the information that could be attained, relating to this subject, and having heard explanation given by Mr Espy, the Revd Messrs Samuel Williamson & Stephen Wantis with George Andrews elder were appointed to consider and make report on this communication

Adjourned to meet at the House of R.H. Burton Esqr this evening at 7 oclock

Concluded with prayer

At the house of R.H. Burton. 7 oclock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment- Present as above except those absent with leave. The Revd H. M. Kerr in the chair Constituted with prayer. Mr Morrison the Clerk being absent with leave, Revd P.J. Sparrow was appointed Clerk pro tem.

According to previous arrangement Presbytery proceeds to the examination of the Beneficiaries under the care of our Education Society viz Elam D. McGuire & Stenhope R. Erwin

After examining them at some length, Presbytery took into consideration the examination of the Beneficiaries- Whereupon Resolved that Presbytery approve of the advancement which our Beneficiaries have made.

Adjourned to meet at the Church tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Unity Church

Friday morning. 9 Clock. April 8th 1831

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday and last evening were read and corrected

The committee appointed to examine Session Books made report which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows viz

Unity Church. Lincoln

"This Book is in part very well kept. But it lacks the preface which was promised, and we find no record of Church transactions since December 1829 to the present time."

Records of Centre Church

This Book is incomplete in three respects viz 1st It has no record of the members in the Church. 2nd No record of Baptisms – 3rd No record of additions to the Church; also we find it said on page 2nd that R Potts is a member of the Session of Bethel Church, but on page 4th it is recorded that he was appointed from Centre to attend the Sessions of Presbytery

Records of Bethel Church

This Book is incomplete in two respects viz 1st There is no record of the members of the Church. 2nd No account of Baptisms and additions to the church

Church at Margaretta

This Book is correctly kept, we see that there is no congregational report recorded for the present year.

The following resolution was adopted in relation to Session Books viz The committee appointed to examine the Records of the Sessions of our Churches, having reported that the records of only four Church Sessions had been put into their hands for review – and that these were in some respects incomplete Therefore

Resolved that our church Sessions be enjoined and they are hereby enjoined to attend punctually to the requisitions of the General Assembly, and of our Book of Discipline on this subject.

Resolved that the foregoing resolution shall be considered as answer to the resolutions proposed, on this subject, at the last, and deferred to the present sessions for decision.

The committee appointed to prepare a narative to the General Assembly on the state of religion reported a draught which was accepted and adopted, and a copy of which was ordered to be forwarded by our Commissioners to the General Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Rev Mr Stafford late Treasurer of Presbytery, reported that they

had examined said accounts, and found them correctly kept and that he has paid over into the hands of the present Treasurer $4.00 for the Commissioners fund, and $4.38 cts for the contingent fund.

Mr Robt Johnston an Elder from Goshen appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Resolved that our Treasurer be directed to pay to the stated Clerk the amount of his contingent expenses

Presbytery Resolved to take up and consider the Pledge made some years since to the Rev Hugh Wilson – whereupon on motion Resolved that the debt contracted by Mr Wilson in confiding to this pledge made for his support be liquidated by the Presbytery by its next stated Sessions.

Rev W.S. Ball reported that he had paid $3 to this object

Mr John McCulloch an Elder from Thyatira appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

Resolved that Presbytery instruct the Secretary of the corresponding committee on Missions to write to the Rev John Witherspoon Agent of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, to visit the churches within the bounds of this Presbytery, to promote as far as he can the great object of Missions.

Presbytery next took up and considered the report of the committee, made yesterday, on a plan for a School to Educate youth for the Gospel Ministry – Whereupon

Resolved as the opinion of this Presbytery that it is inexpedient to act on this subject at the present time.

The Rev Mr Stafford requesting that the pastoral relation between him and the church of Thyatira should be dissolved, and the said Church having, by a commissioner appointed for the purpose assented to this request – It was Resolved that this relation be, and hereby it is dissolved; and the Church of Thyatira is declared vacant.

Revd Jesse Rankin requested a dismission from this Presbytery to join the presbytery of Orange— whereupon Resolved that Mr Rankin be dismissed according to his request, and he hereby is dismissed and recommended to said presbytery as a member in regular and good standing.

Revd Messrs Hall, Gould, Frontis, and Geay Andrews elder. Asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening

Revd James Stafford requested that at the close of the present Session he might obtain a dismission from this presbytery to join the Presbytery of Cincinnatti in Ohio — whereupon Resolved that the request of Mr Stafford be granted; and he hereby is dismissed and recommended to the aforesaid presbytery as a member in regular and good standing

The Presbytery called for the minutes of the proceedings of the Session organised by Presbytery, and directed at our last stated sessions, to visit Ramis Creek Church, in Buncombe County, to adjust its affairs— whereupon the Moderator of said Session presented and read the minutes of their proceedings— which minutes the presbytery approved.

Whereas some reports have arisen from the dissensions heretofore existing in the church of Ramis Creek touching the reputation and Christian character of the Revd Christopher Bradsham, a member of this Presbytery; and presbytery having heard all the information possible in relation to the occurrences alluded to in the reports— Resolved That this Presbytery express, and they do hereby unanimously express their full and unimpaired confidence in the integrity and good standing of Mr Bradsham Resolved that a copy of the foregoing resolution be put into the hand of the Revd Mr Bradsham

The Statis Clerk laid before Presbytery a letter from the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Union Seminary making certain suggestions with regard to certificates of Literary

attainments given to candidates who go to the Union Seminary
This letter was ordered to be kept on file by the Statis Clerk

The committee appointed to consider and report on the complaint of Mr John Yorke made report as follows viz.

The committee appointed to consider the charge preferred by Mr John Yorke of Cooter against the Revd Thomas Espy report. That on a perusal from the writers own statement it would appear that he does not expect to be present at the Trial which he desires; nor has he named the friend whom he expects to act for him — and further, as he speaks of witnesses to be cited by his friends, which witnesses are not named in the charge as the Discipline requires — Therefore your committee recommend that the paper or charge be returned to the accuser — that the charge may be specifically stated; and that the names of all the witnesses may be given and that either he, the said John Yorke, or his friend to be named by him may appear as prosecutor as the Discipline requires

Moreover your committee recommend that Presbytery do warn the accuser in this case as is required in the 7th section of the 5th Chap of our Book of Discipline

S. Williamson
S. Frontis
Geay Andrews
Committee

The report of the committee as above was considered and adopted.

The committee appointed to make out a list of supplies to vacant churches made report which was accepted. accepted & is as follows viz

Revd Dr Robinson & R. W. Morrison to administer the Lords Supper on Concord
Revd Dr Wilson & W. S. Pharr — — at Bethpage
Revd J. Williamson — — — at Goshen
Revd H. M. Kerr — — — — at Dunsilla
Revd J. Lillimon — — — — at Lilesville
Revd S. Williamson — — — — at Six Mile Creek
Revd C. Bradsham to assist Messrs Kerr and Lillimon
Revd S. Frontis & D. Espy — — — — at Back Creek
Revd J. Stafford — — — — at Third Creek
Revd W. M. Pharr — — — — at Prospect

Rev W. A Hall — — — — at Franklin
Rev J. L. Watson — — — — at Olney
Rev P. J. Sparrow — — — — at Lincolnton

Resolved that those members who [illegible] to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Union Seminary be exempted from supplying vacant Churches

The attention of Presbytery was called to the State of Centre church, and after having heard various statements in relation to that church it was resolved to answer the two following questions which were proposed for the consideration of Presbytery viz
1st Did the Elders of Centre Church act in accordance with the constitution of our church in resigning their office as ruling Elders? This question was decided in the affirmative
2nd Have the Church of Centre any session at this time? This question was answered in the negative

The Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison and S. Williamson with Alexander Robinson Elder asked and obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Adjourned to meet at the house of R. H. Burton Esqr this Evening at 7 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Mr Burtons. 7 oclock PM

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Revd J. Williamson was appointed clerk pro tem in the absence of the clerk of Presbytery

Adjourned to meet at Hunts Creek on the 3rd Thursday of October at 11 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

John Williamson
Clerk pro tem

Seventh Session of the Presbytery of Concord

Statesville Oct 6 – 1831

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in South Creek Church and (the Moderator being absent) was opened with a Sermon by Mr Robt L. Caldwell a Licentiate from the 87 Psalm 2d & 3d verses and was Constituted by prayer by the Revd James McRee D.D.

Members	Present
Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	
" John Robinson D.D.	
" John Williamson	
" Henry McKee	Daniel Carson
" Walter L. Pharr	William McGinnis
" Daniel Gould	Alexander Barr
" Robert H. Morrison	Thomas Stephenson
" Samuel Williamson	Alfred Perkins
" Stephen Frontis	Jacob Lyerly
" Henry N. Pharr	Alexander Torrance
" Christopher Bradshaw	Andrew Allison
" John Hillman	Francis Beattie
" Samuel L Watson	William Fleming
" Thomas Espy	Robert Potts
	William Falls from Centre
Absent	
Revd John McWilson D.D.	
" Jonathan Freeman	
" William A Hall	
" Patrick J Sparrow	

Revd Durand

The Revd Robert H. Morrison was chosen Moderator and
The Revd Samuel L. Watson Clerk.
The Minutes of the last Stated Session of Presbytery were read.
The Commissioner and and alternate appointed to
represent Presbytery in the last Gen Assembly, assigned
Satisfactory reasons for not attending the Assembly.
Inquiry was made of the members as to the
fulfilment of the Presbyterial supplies assigned them
at the last session. and it appeared that they were
generally fulfilled.
It was announced that since the last Stated
Session of Presbytery the Revd John M. Wilson D.D.
had been removed by death!
Whereupon Resolved that the Revd Drs McRee
and Robinson be a committee to prepare a
Minute on this subject.
Letters were red from the Revd A B Freeman
assigning reasons for his absence from the
Meetings of Presbytery, which reasons were sustained.
And whereas Mr Freeman requests information
— therefore ordered that the Stated Clerk inform
him that it is inconsistent with the discipline
of the Church — that he continue a member
of this Presbytery merely nominally while residing
within the bounds of another.
A Communication was received from the Con-
gregation of Centre which was read and ordered
to be docketed.
Mr Noble A Penland made application to be
received as a Beneficiary under the care of
Presbytery, and was referred to the Committee
on Education for examination.
The Revd Samuel Williamson & Revd Patrick J. Sparrow
were elected to fill the vacancies in the Board
of Education occasioned by the death of Dr Wilson
& removal of the Revd Jas Hoffords from the bounds
of this Presbytery.

The Revd Samuel Williamson was elected Treasurer
of the said Board
Presbytery proceeded to the examination of
Mr Robt L Caldwell, preparatory to his ordin-
ation, & directed in the book of Discipline.
The Committee on Education to whom was referred
the case of Mr. Penland reported, which report was
adopted and it is as follows. (viz)
"The examining Committee of the Education Society,"
"Report that they have carefully examined Mr Penland
"on experimental religion and his proficiency in litera-
ture, and recommend him to Presbytery as fully deser-
ving encouragement and support as a Beneficiary under
our care - provided the necessary funds can be procured."
Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow at half
after 8 o'clock, & closed with prayer.
Friday morning half past 8 o'clock
Presbytery Met according to Adjournment and
was Constituted with prayer. — Present as above
The Minutes of yesterday were read

A letter was received from the Presby of Baltimore
on the subject of foreign Missions. — but owing
to our destitution at home and the weakness of our
Churches, we deem it inexpedient for this Presbytery to
pledge themselves for cooperation at the present time
Ordered that the Stated Clerk transmit a copy
of this resolution to the Presbytery of Baltimore.
The Revd William A Hall appeared gave satisfactory
reasons for his absence on yesterday and took his seat
The Stated Clerk was directed to write to certain
Members of the Church of Rums Creek, asking the
reasons why a certain Communication required by
the Special Session appointed by Presbytery in the case
of Rums Creek Church, has not been made, and urging
a compliance with the same

The following preamble and resolutions, on the Sanctification of the Sabbath were presented to Presbytery, read and adopted viz. Believing that all worldly business, and travelling on the Christian Sabbath except for purposes of piety, necessity and mercy; and all worldly business and amusement on that day are contrary to the Divine will and injurious to the social civil and religious interests of men — we the subscribers agree that we will abstain from all such violations of the Sabbath and that we will use our influence to persuade our own families and others to do the same.

— "Resolved that we recommend to all the Ministers of this Presty in their respective congregations, to preach on this subject before the close of the present year — and that in each Congregation there be an enrolment of Names under this general agreement; and a return of Results be made by each Minister to Presbytery.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk publish the same in some of the weekly papers with in the bounds of Presty

The following resolution was laid before Presbytery and was adopted and is as follows. viz.

Whereas in furnishing all the destitute families throughout our State with the Holy Scriptures, our Receipts of the Parent Institution in Books have exceeded all our ~~our~~ payments, and donations about $1600 — and whereas that Noble Society is at this time labouring under great pecuniary embarrassment

Resolved that the Members of this Presbytery, will as soon as practicable make fresh and vigorous efforts & exertions to secure the speedy payment of the debts which have been contracted by the different Societies with which they are respectively connected.

Mr. Abel Graham a ruling Elder from Third Creek Congregation appeared and took his seat.

Presbytery then took up the Communication

from Centre and after some discussion and the reception of another communication from certain Members of Centre — praying that a committee of investigation be appointed for the purpose of examining into the cause of evils supposed to exist there —

Therefore Resolved that Presbytery meet at Centre Church on wednesday the 2nd day of Nov next for the purpose of investigating the requests of said Memorial and petition.

Mr Robt L Caldwell delivered his popular Lecture from Ephesians. 2nd Chapt. and first 9 verses. Which with his popular sermon was considered and sustained

Mr Robt L. Caldwells examination was considered and sustained

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Revd. John M Wilson D.D. handed in their Report which was adopted and is as follows. viz)

Agreeably to custom the Presbytery of Concord is now compelled to execute the painful duty of recording the universally lamented death of our friend and Brother the Revd John McCamy Wilson D.D. since our last Stated Sessions

To eulogize the Character of the deed even in a Moderate degree, would yield to him no essential advantage; but might gratify the feelings of those who now deplore the loss, in union with his bereaved Congregations and the Church with whom he was Connected.

Withholding particular description; while we humbly submit to the dispensation of that Adorable Providence, that has stricken him from our list and divested us, of a wise and able Copresbyter, — we would modestly say to posterity who may

Read these minutes; that a bountious Heaven was pleased to enrich the above Named with a liberal potion of endearing, and amiable virtues — with those principles and qualifications which rendered him a faithful and useful Minister of the Gospel; from which service in the Church below he is gone to rejoice through free Grace. in the unfading rewards of his Blessed Master; "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of thy Lord;" 1

A Paper was laid before Presty by Mr. Abner York a gent for John York containing Charge against the Revd Thos Espy a member of this Presbytery in the words following viz.

"Iredell County N Carolina Oct 4 — 1831

"To the Hon: Presbytery at Statesville fa the Presbytery of Concord

"Abner York as attorney for John York.

"Presenteth that the Revd Thomas Espy did sometime "in the Month of March last, in Centre Church "Yard, in the presence of Andrew Ramsay and Francis "Beattie and others Charge John York publickly with "being a dishonest man; and said he thought "him not entitled to Church privilige.

"Mr Espys Charge was that he the said John York "had told in presence of William Knox Esqr that "his Father had not signed Mr Halls School articles.

"Shortly after that time at Prospect meeting house "on the said John York's producing a certificate "from Esqr Knox, stating the Charge made by "Mr Espy to be groundless, Mr Espy gave his "authority Mr Alex A Hall in presence of Francis "Beattie and perhaps Col. James Gimmison. "and said Mr Alex A Hall was quite a fine

"young man — but he must be mistaken; and spoke in high terms of Mr Hall, notwithstanding there had shortly before that time, been a charge laid before Centre Session against Mr Hall for Covenant breaking and falshood; the session insisted on Mr Espy to act as Moderator, which he utterly refused to do; having previously consulted one of the witnesses and found the Charge could be supported against Mr Hall. as that witness James A McRee informs me. I hope therefore your Honorable body will grant the prayer of the Memorialist laid before your last Presbytery; to meet at Centre and investigate the Charge against Mr Espy"

Signed Abner York
Agent for John York

And also appointe a Moderator and Session to try Alexander A Hall for Covenant breaking and falshood — the Session that insisted on taking up the Charge against Mr Hall were James P McRee, and Andrew Ramsay; the witness to prove Mr Hall a Covinant breaker and guilty of falshood is James A McRee and William Braly

Signed Abner York

Witnesses against Mr Espy
Andrew Ramsay. Francis Beattie William Knox Esqr
Col James Gimmeson & Revd Henry N. Pharr."

The following is the Memorial refered to, above found at our last session. viz

To the Honorable Presbytery that are expected to meet at Unity in Lincoln County in the County of next week for the Presbytery of Concord.

I, John York of Centre congregation Iredell County

promote to you Hon. Body, that the Revd Thomas Espy in Centre Church Yard, hath lately Charged me of being guilty of a crime, which I am entirely innocent of, and stated that I was not entitled to Church priviliges, until I should give Satisfaction for what he charged me with, that I never was guilty of;— and that at a time when I was at the point of starting with my little family a long journey, to the western part of the State of Tennessee;— and to you Venerable Fathers I appeal for redress.— While I am winding My Course to the wilderness far from my native home and friends, I hope you will appoint a Presbytry to convene at Centre and Cause the said Revd Thomas Espy to appear before you, and give him a fair Chance of availing My Character in every legal way he can.

Centre Meeting House being within a mile and a half of where I have been raised from a Child of between Six and seven years of age, and also Cause such testimony to be brought forward as My friends may nominate, and deal with the said Thomas Espy agreably to our Book of Discipline, and grant me such redress as you may think proper. I repeat it I appeal to you Hon. Body for redress; I Call on you to deal with Calumniators as their merits Claim.

I hope and believe, that my humble Condition;— nor the Revd Thomas Espys Conspicuous Standing, will not prevent you doing justice and dealing out to us equal measures of Impartial Justice.

Consider; at a time of parting from my friends, never expecting to see them all again, and perhaps none of them, and every thing dear to me, to be unjustly assailed; what my feelings must be,—

going to a far Country, without Character injustly attempted to be taken from me, to gratify the want of motives Malice could invent—

The words he said I spoke in presence of William Knox Esqr and charged me with doing it, to defraud a man out of his just and honest rights of him; the said Thomas Espy stated this in presence of Messrs Andrew Ramsay Francis Beattie and perhaps others as they informed me, which Charge I assert to be without foundation.

I submit the Case to you Venerable Fathers to dispose of as you may think proper.

And am Respectfully,
your very Obt. Hble Servt.

Iredell Cty N.C.
30th March 1831 Signed John York

P.S. I add that it is probable Mr Espys plea will be that a Mr A Hall should have told him such words were uttered by me, this however can be no excuse as I can readily prove that Mr Espy well knows that Mr Hall was not entitled to credit.

J.Y.

You will please Cause the before named Wm Knox Esq Messrs Andrew Ramsay and Francis Beattie to appear, together with such others as my friends may nominate.

Witnesses Francis Beattie
Andrew Ramsay
Wm Knox Esqr
Col Le Grimmon
Revd Henry N. Pharr

Andrew
Shew York
agent for
John York

A Mr John York who first brought charges against Mr Espy had removed within the bounds of this Presbytery, Mr Abner York was inquired of if he was willing to become the accuser? — He answered in the affirmative.

The parties not being ready for trial were directed to appear before the Presbytery at Centre Church on wednesday the 2nd day of November and the Clerk was directed to furnish the papers as the book of Discipline requires.

Mr York was informed that this Presbytery was not the proper Judicatory before which to prefer charges against ~~Mr Hall~~ a private member and therefore his charges against Mr Hall, must be made before the session where he is a member!

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay over to the Revd William A Hall the money in his hands for the Revd Hugh Wilson.

Mr Leander A Watts a Licentiate under our care made application for a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Orange, which was granted and the Clerk was directed to furnish a Certificate of his good standing and request dismission

The Revd Walter L Pharr and Mr McGinnis Ruling Elder obtained leave of absence after 12 Oclock tomorrow

The Treasurer of the corresponding Executive Committee on Missions made his report. and Messrs J Williamson and C Bradshaw were appointed a committee to examine said report, and after examination, they reported that they found the accounts accurately kept. and recommended that the Treasurers Report be adopted. — it accordingly was adopted and is as follows viz

Whole amount of Receipt —— $1508.76¼
Whole amount of Expenditures for eighteen months missionary labor by the Revd Dr Chapman, Revd Josiah Kirkpatrick Revd Mr Kennedy and Revd C Bradshaw —— $315.81
Balance on hands —— $192.95¼

Members being called upon for their annual contribution to the Contingent fund paid as follows.

Revd H M. Kerr	$1		Revd William A Hall	$1	
J L Watson	1		C Bradshaw	1	
Mr R Pelle	1		R H Morrison	1	
paid J Frontis	1		R Caldwell	1	
J Espy	1		J Gillispie	1	
D Gould	1		J Williamson	1	
W L Pharr	1		J Williamson	1	
Dr Robinson	1			1	= $15
in all	8		+		

Mr J Hall Elder from Centre had leave of absence

The ex Committee of the education society reported which was received and is as follows viz

The Committee report that they have paid since last meeting of Presbty to their beneficiaries as follows

To Mr John Caldwell	$60.82
To Mr McPherson	26
To Mr McGuire	16
To Mr Erwin	10
in all	$110.82

The Revd Henry N Pharr and J Frontis were appointed a Committee to make out a list of supplies for the vacant Congregations within our bounds

They reported the following which was adopted viz

Dr. McRee	Supply	at discretion	
Dr. Robinson		1 Sab. at Rocky River	
pend J. Williamson		1 Sab. at Centre	
H. McKerr		1 at discretion	
W. S. Pharr		1 at Prospect	
R. H. Morrison		1 at Philadelphia	
S. Williamson		1 at discretion	
S. Ironton		1 at discretion	
C. Bradshaw		1 at discretion	
H. N. Pharr		1 at Bethpage	
L. Silliman		1 at Siloam	
Wm. A. Hall		1 at Franklin	
S. L. Watson		1 at discretion	
P. J. Sparrow		1 at Long Creek	
J. Espy		1 at Concord Town	
R. L. Caldwell		1 at discretion	

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 Oclock. Concluded with Prayer

Saturday Morning half past 8 Oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted by prayer present as on yesterday except those absent with leave

The Minutes of yesterday were read

Mr Lyon ruling Elder obtained leave of absence. Messrs Beattie and Rheinecking ruling Elders had leave of absence. The Revd Thos Espy and Mr Lorance Elder had leave of absence after 12 Oclock to day

Presbytery proceeded agreeably to previous arrangement to the ordination of Mr Robt L. Caldwell and to instal him as Pastor of Fourth Creek ~~Church~~ Congregation. The ordination Sermon was preached by the Revd Dr Robinson from the 20 Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and the 28 verse, "Take heed therefore to

After which the Revd Rob. H. Morrison the Moderator proposed the questions prescribed in our form of government to the Candidate and to the Congregation of Fourth Creek all which being answered in the affirmative Mr Robt L. Caldwell was then by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to the Apostolick example solemnly ordained to the Holy office of the Gospel Ministry and Constituted the Pastor of Fourth Creek Congregation

The Moderator gave the Charge to the newly ordained Bishop and the Revd Dr McRee the Charge to the People —

Resolved that the next Stated sessions of this Presbytery be held at Back Creek Church on the first wednesday in April next

The Revd John Williamson was appointed a member of the Corresponding Extra time Committee on Missions to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decease of Dr Wilson

The Revd R. H. Morrison resigned the office of Treasurer of the Corresponding Executive Committee of Missions

The Revd H. McKerr resigned his place in the Corr. Ex. time Committee on Missions and the Revd S. L. Watson was appointed to fill his place and was elected Treasurer of the said Corresponding Executive Committee on Missions

The Revd Rheinecking S. Pharr resigned the office of Stated Clerk and the Revd J. Williamson was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Hillsborough during the Sessions of Synod Concluded with Prayer

Signed S. L. Watson Clk pro tem

Hillsborough Oct 14th 1831

The Presbytery of Concord met during the Sessions of Synod agreable to adjournment the Moderator being present, and it being found that no business would come before the Presbty adjourned to meet at Centre Church on wednesday the 2nd day of Nov. next.

S L Watson Clerk pro

Williamson S.C.

Centre Church Nov. 2nd 1831

The Presbytery of Concord met agreably to adjournment at Centre Church and the Moderator being absent, was opened with a sermon by the Revd Stephen Frontis from Matt 5 Chap & 20th verse and constituted by prayer.

Members prisent

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McKee D.D.	William Falls
" John Robinson D.D.	Robert Alexander
" John Williamson	James Sample
" Henry M. Kerr	D. Carson
" Daniel Gould	Thomas Alexander
" Samuel Williamson	W. L. Johnson
" Stephen Frontis	J. Adams
" Henry N. Pharr	D. Martinez
" William A Hall	I. Connor
" Samuel L Watson	A Lorance
" Patrick J Sparrow	Abel Graham
" Thomas Espy	Frances Beattie

Absent

Revd Robt H Morrison
" Walter L Pharr
" Christopher Bradshaw
" John Silliman
" Jonathan C Freeman
" Robt L Caldwell

The Revd John Williamson was chosen Moderator pro-tem
The minutes of the last Meeting were read.
Resolved that the Memorial Presented to Presbytery at its late sessions at Statesville be read.
Resolved that, that part of said Memorial, respecting

a decision of Presbytery, made at its Spring Session at Unity; declaring Centre Congregation to be without a Session, be now ~~answered~~ considered

Presbytery heard testimony, respecting the resignation of Elders till Evening

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock — Concluded with prayer

Thursday morning 9 o'clk Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above. — & the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Walter S. Shaw appeared & took his seat

After hearing all the Evidence respecting the resignation of the Elders of Centre Church,

Resolved that the answers given at the Spring Sessions of Presbytery to the following question viz. (1st Did the Elders of Centre Church act in accordance with the constitution of our Church in resigning their office as ruling Elders? (Answered in the affirmative.) 2d Have the Church of Centre any Session at this time? (Answered in the negative.) —— be recalled.

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning
Concluded with prayer

Friday morning 9 o'clock. Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer.

Resolved that the remaining part of the memorial, viz "Can sealing ordinances be administered to a congregation thus covered with ignominy (referring to certain reports). —— and also asking what was their standing and condition as a Presbyterian Church??? — be taken up.

After spending sometime in discussion —

Resolved that the following answer be given viz

Presbytery view Centre as a regular Presbyterian Church in good and fair standing; and that sealing ordinances can consistently be administered to them.

Resolved that the memorial and the evidence in this case be put on the files of the Presbytery.

Certain members of Centre Congregation, who presented a petition to Presbytery at its last stated Sessions in Statesville, signified a desire to withdraw the same; — whereupon

Resolved that they have permission to withdraw it, and it was accordingly withdrawn.

Resolved that Presbytery now take up the case of Mr Abner York vs. the Revd Thomas Espy. ——

The parties being present were asked if they were ready for trial, and answered in the affirmative.

The Moderator reminded the Presbytery that they were about to sit and deliberate as a court of Jesus Christ. and prayer for Divine direction was offered by Dr Robinson

The Charges were then Read

Resolved that the first specification be considered viz. Mr Espy's declaring John York to be a dishonest man In that he (Mr Espy) should have asserted that John York had said in presence of William Krone Esqr that his Father had not signed Mr Hall's School Articles, and that he said this for the purpose of defrauding a man out of his just and honest rights.

Mr Ramsay being Sworn — testifieth

That at Centre Church Mr John York requested him as an Elder of Centre to ask ~~him~~ Mr Sparrow to Baptize his Child — Mr Ramsay did so. — Mr Sparrow asked if it was the York that was quarrelling with Hall; if him I will have nothing to do with it.

I answered no. but he John York, wife were in communion of the Church. Mr Sparrow then said that he would Baptize the Child; — Mr Espy then stepped up, and said that Mr Hall had sued Abner York for School Money and John York said his father did not send his Mother sent all; — and said it did not shew a christian principle, and added he thought he should make acknowledgements; — and after some other words ~~words~~, said, men would take every advantage at Civil Law. — but it shewed an unchristian and dishonest principle and he York ought to give Satisfaction

Questions by Mr York

1st Was Mr Espy Charge the cause why John York's Child was not Baptized? Answered by Mr Ramsay — Yes.

2d Did you ever hear any thing against John York?
Ans. No

3d Have you known him from a Boy? Ans. Yes. and he was as Civil a man as was in the Neighborhood

Question by Mr Espy.
Did any one ask me if John York was a member of the Church?! Ans. Don't recollect.

Mr Francis Beattie, Sworn Testifieth.

Questions by Mr A York

1st was you present when John York applied for Baptism at Centre Church? Ans. Yes

2d Did he apply to you for privilige? Ans Yes but I told him I was not a member of Session.

3 Did you hear Mr Espy at Prospect Charge John York with being a dishonest man?
Ans. He stated that a man who would act as Mr John York did could not be an honest man

Question by Mr Espy — Did I state that a man that acted as J York had done, or as Mr Hall said he had done? Ans You gave Hall as your evidence

Question by Mr. York: — After application at Centre, did John York take a certificate from Mr Knox Esq which satisfied the Session at Prospect? Ans He did.

By Mr Espy: — Did I speak of John York as if I wished to injure his Character? Ans. — No

Col. Jamieson was sworn & Testifieth

Quest by Mr York. Did you understand that Mr Espy had assailed my Son's Character? Ans Yes

Did you understand that Mr Espy had Charges against him, which prevented him from privilege in Centre Church? Ans Yes

Did you know John York well? Ans I did

Were you surprised when you heard charges against him? Ans. I was — he always stood fair.

Quest. By Mr Espy — Did I mention any thing of Mr J. York but what I gave Mr Hall as my author?
Ans You gave Hall as your author.

Did I object to the Baptism of J. York's Child; if they were satisfied with the certificate after hearing Mr Hall's Statement? Ans You did not.

Quest by Presbyter — Did Mr Espy express a belief at Prospect that John York had acted dishonestly before Esq Knox? Ans. He said that his impression was that he had done so, and for his part he was determined never to admit a man that he believed to be dishonest

Wm Knox Esq Qualified and testifieth

Mr. Hall requested a warrant for Abner York and Abner York was cited to trial.

John York his son appeared and wished the trial put off as his Father was sick — Mr Hall was unwilling; — the suit was put off. —

Quest By Mr York Did you hear any plea for putting off the suit but sickness? Ans — not any.

Was John York a civil orderly man? Ans — I knew nothing else of him

Mr Robt Ramsay, Qualified & Testifieth

Quest. By Mr York, was you muck in my sons company?
Ans — Yes
Was he dissatisfied at Mr Espy? Ans Yes
Did he say to you that he would not leave this State until he engaged some person to prosecute the Charges against Mr Espy? Ans. He did and requested me to prosecute for him
Did he tell you that he did not want me to attend to it? Ans He did in consequence of your bad health
Mr Espy the accused introduced the following testimony
The Revd P. J. Sparrow Sworn testifieth
I attended at Centre Church to put in an appointment on a week day. Mr Ramsay applied for Baptism for Mr John York's Child. I mentioned it to Mr Espy — He stated that they were both members but he had heard something of him — that he disliked — that York had lied before Egr Knox certain pleas; and that he considered such a course dishonest provided it was as Mr. Hall stated.
Quest. Did you ask me if John York was such a man as his father? Ans. — I dont remember
Did I state to you that Mr Hall was my author for the assertions I made? Ans You did.
Did I Charge John York as a dishonest man?
Ans Your words were, you looked upon such a course as dishonest, or such was a dishonest act.
Revd Henry N. Pharr, qualified & testifieth
Mr I York applied to me at Prospect to baptize his child. I enquired the reason why he came to Prospect being a member of Centre. He gave a paper — when it was laid before the Session Mr Espy being present requested Mr York to come in else he would think he had come for the purpose of keping him from Priviliges.

He was called in and the case stated before the Session. In view of the certificate from Egr Knox I asked Mr Espy if he was satisfied?. He said he was not, but that he wished that Mr York might have his Child Baptized if the Session could see their way clear. — Mr Espy told Mr John York that he should not be dissatisfied with him. — he said he was not but was with Mr Hall
Mr Espy expressed great confidence in Mr Hall's character
Mr Espy Stated that when there was a deficiency of Moral honesty, or a suspicion of it, that he could not administer the ordinances while those suspicions remained. ✓

Mr Samt McNeily Sworn & testifieth
Quest By Mr Espy Did Mr York appear dissatisfied with me when he left the Session house at Prospect?
Ans He did not, but was dissatisfied with Mr Hall. When he stated he would do something in the case, who did he say he would employ?
Ans None of his Connexions

The several witnesses were called and heard their Testimony which had been recorded and approved it.

Presbytery proceeded to consider the second particular in the Charge (Viz) that Mr Espy's assertions of John Yorks dishonesty, hade been made on the authority of Mr Hall whom he knew to be a man not intitled to Credit
By the Prosicutor was introduced as witness
Mr James A McKee — Sworn & Testifieth
Quest By Mr York.
Do you know that A Hall Covenanted and agreed that if I joined his School no African Negro should go into it?
Ans. Yes.

Did Hall deny that agreement? Ans He did.
On a certaint day when I was about to implicate Halls character, Did Mr Espy apply to you to know whether Mr Hall had been guilty of Covenantbreaking or not?
Ans! He did and when I Stated the case he replied that he did not so understand it
James P McRee Sworn (one of the Elder)
Quest by Mr York. Did I lodge a charge in your hands against Hall for Covenantbreaking and falshood? Ans You did
Did Mr Espy refuse to act as Moderator?
Ans Yes
Did you lay the Charge before Session and request Mr Espy to act as moderator? Ans Yes
Quest By Mr Espy Was I a witness in the case?
Ans I Dont Remember

Mr Brawley Qualified & Testifieth
Quest by Mr York. Did Hall agree with me if I would join his School, that no negro child Should enter it? Ans He did.
Was you present when this agreement was made?
Ans I was
Did he afterwards deny ever entering into such a covenant with me? Ans He did.
Do you know his reasons for it? An no

Quest. By Mr Espy Was there not a meeting of the Employers in which they agreed that Mr Hall might take black Children into his School provided he kept them separate?
Ans. There was a Meeting and they generally agreed to it.
Who was the Committee of management?
Ans Esqr. Knoyes Jas A. McRee & myself

This agreement of the Employers was previous to Halls Covenant with York
Mr I A McRee Stated that he also was present at the Making of the Covenant with A York

The accuser was heard in Support of the Charges and the accused in his own defence

The parties Concerned then retired and the members of Presbytery were called on for their remarks.

After Some time Spent in deliberation it was Resolved That the Judge, that the Testimony brought by Mr Abner York to Sustain his Charge against the Revd Thomas Espy, altho it does prove that Mr Espy did express an opinion unfavorable to the Character of Mr John York — Yet that this Testimony adduced does not Convict him of Slander — But only Shows that in the discharge of Ministerial duty, Mr Espy believed it necessary to express said opinion, which he had received from a man in whose veracity Mr Espy had reason to Confide.

Resolved that the Moderator be required Solemnly to Reprove Abner York for an attempt to establish a charge of Slander against a Gospel Minister in which, in the opinion of Presbytery he has failed
——— And also Solemnly to warn and admonish the Revd Thomas Espy of the danger of Suffering himself to be influenced in the discharge of his Ministerial duties by partial and insufficient Testimony

The parties appeared before Presbytery & The judgment of Presbytery was read

Mr Abner York refused to Submit to the

decision of Presbytery and appealed to Synod
The Revd Thos Espy declared his acquiescence in the judgment of Presbytery

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Back Creek Church on the 1st Wednesday in April next.

Concluded with prayer.

S L Watson Clk pro tem

S Williamson S.C.

Eighth Session of the Presbytery of Concord

Back Creek church Rowan County April 4th 1832

The Presbytery of Concord met agreably to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd R H Morrison the Moderator from Psm 4 - v 6 - and constituted by prayer.

Present Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D D	Andrew Ramsay
" John Robinson D D.	Abram Alexander
" John Williamson	John Montgomery
" Henry M Kerr	Thomas Alexander
" Walter L Pharr	Dan Alexander
" Robert H Morrison	Thomas Lewis
" Samuel Williamson	John Galloway
" Stephen Frontis	James L Hill
" Henry N Pharr	Robt Brank
" Christopher Bradshaw	Thomas McNuly
" John Williamson	John Hart
" William A Hall	Charles E Reinhardt
" Patrick I Sparrow	Squire Lowry
" Robert L Caldwell	James Jamison
	John Shive
	John McCulloch
	William Kirkpatrick
Absent	
Revd Daniel Gould	
" Jonathan C Fruman	
" Samuel Watson	
" Thos Espy	

The Revd Henry M Kerr was chosen Moderator and the Revd Patrick I Sparrow Clerk.
The Revd Eli W Caruthers of Orange Presbytery being present was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member

The minutes of the last stated Session and of the intermediate Sessions were read. All communication to be made to the Presbytry were called for and the following papers were recieved and ordered to be docketed (viz) A Call from Concord Church to the Revd Henry N. Pharr; A Call from Unity Church (Lincoln) to the Revd P. J. Sparrow to become their Pastor — And also a petition from Rocky River Congregation, praying leave to present a Call to the Orange Presbytry for Mr Daniel Lindley, a licentiate under their care, to become their pastor

The Revs Robt H Morrison and Henry N Pharr were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last Gen Assembly and report any items which may require the attention and action of this Presbytery

The Revd John Williamson Revd William A Hall and Mr Charles E. Reinhardt, were appointed a committee to examine the Record of Sessions and report to Presbytry

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Education Committee be now called on to report, Whereupon he Reported as follows

The amount recieved in all.	$106-30
Paid out by order - - - - - - - - - - - -	85 67
Balance on hand	$20.63

Resolved — that the members of Presbytry be called upon in the order of the roll, for the sums which they hold in their hands for the Education Society; whereupon they Paid over to the Treasurer as follows viz

Dr Robinson paid Thirty seven dollars Revd Walter L. Pharr paid two dollars, Mr John Turner paid three dollars and Mr Dan Alexander paid one dollar in all $43. which added to the balance in the Treasurers hand of — $20.63 makes now on hand — — $63.63

Revs Messrs R. H. Morrison. Henry N Pharr and Samuel Williamson were appointed a committee to enquire into the state of the Education Society and report to Presbytry.

Adjourned to meet at this place to morrow morning at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Back Creek Church April 5 — 1832

Presbytry met agreably to adjournment and Constituted with Prayer, present as on yesterday. the minutes of yesterday were read. Presbytry took up the business of appointing Commissioner to the Next Gen Assembly and on motion this subject was made the order of the day for 11 Oclock

Revd Dr Robinson, & Revd Henry N. Pharr were appointed a Committee of Supplies

On motion resolved that Presbytry take up the business of Bethany Creek Church. The Communication, Recd from William Brittain, James Hughey and David Vance were Read, and after Consideration Presbytry resolved that said Communications are Satisfactory

The following particulars were brought up and decided as follows

1 Viz.. Has Presbytry the right to examine a licentiate or ordained minister, recommended from another Presbytery, a Congregational Association, before his reception?

This question was decided in the affirmative.

2 Resolved that we as a Presbytry are decidedly favorable to the Gen Assembly present Board of Missions and to their present Mode of conducting Missionary operations.

3 Resolved that our Commissioner or Commissioners to the Gen Assembly be instructed to make for sending down to the different Presbytries for their consideration, the plan Suggested in the Biblical Repertory for the new organization of the Presbyterian Church in the United States provided that he found the only alternative to prevent a division of the Church.

Resolved that the narrative on the State of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery be the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock, and that the Revd Stephen Frontis and Revd William A. Hall be a committee to take note and prepare a report to the next Gen Assembly

The Revd Stephen Frontis, and Thomas L Cowan Ruling Elder were appointed our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly.

Supplies to Mr Frontis Pulpit during his attendance on the Gen Assembly as follows viz. Revd James McKee D.D. 1 Sabbath H N. Pharr 1 Sabbath William A Hall 1 Sabbath P. J Sparrow 1 Sabbath & Robt L Caldwell 1 Sabbath

The committee appointed to examine the minute of the Gen Assembly reported the following items.
1st The call made by the Gen Assembly to the Churches under their care in relation to the efforts making to colonize the blacks, and recommending them to take up Collection in aid of the American Colonization Society
Resolved that Presbytery concur in the recommendation
2 The committee report the injunction of the Gen. Assembly, in relation to making collections to meet the incidental expenses of the Assembly. — Presbytery recommend an attention to the said injunction
Presbytery went into the consideration of the call from Concord Church — Whereupon Resolved that said Call be put into the hands of Mr Pharr and at the request of Mr Pharr he had liberty to consider it until next Stated Sessions of Presby Presbytery then took into consideration the call from Unity Church & Resolved that said Call be put into the hands of Mr Sparrow and it was put into his hands and accepted.
Resolved that the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery be held at Unity Church Lincoln County Commencing on Wednesday the 1st Wednesday of Oct next at 11 oclock A.M.
Resolved that the installation of Mr Sparrow take place at the next Stated Sessions of Presby and that the Rev R H Morrison preach the Sermon and Samuel Williamson be his alternate and Dr Robinson preside and give the charges and John Williamson be his alternate
On motion resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to write a letter to Dr Freeman by the hands of our commissioners to the Gen Assembly informing him that Presbytery cannot in consistency with our Discipline suffer him to continue on our roll, residing without our ~~limits~~ bounds
The petition of Rocky River Congregation was taken up, whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted
The individuals who failed on last year to pay their quota into the Commissioners fund paid as follows. Viz
Revd S L Watson $3. Revd W S Pharr $3 Adjourned to meet at Mr Archd Morrisons this evening 4 oclock, Concluded with Prayer

Mr Archibald Morrisons 7 oclock P M
Presbytery met according to adjournment, The Moderator and Clerk being absent with leave the Revd Dr Robinson was chosen Moderator and the Revd R H Morrison Clerk, Constituted with prayer Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr James E. Morrison a candidate under our care, and to hear his trials preparatory to Licensure.
He was examined on Church History and Theology.
Mr Morrison read a Latin Exegesis from Quo sensu fide justificari dicimur; — He also read a critical exercise from Heb. 6th Chapt 1st 6. verses and a Lecture from 1 Cor. 3d Chapt 1st 15 verse
Presbytery having considered the examinations of Mr Morrison and also his Exegesis, Critical Exercise and Lecture Resolved that they be sustained as parts of trial, ...
adjourned to meet at the Church tomorrow morning at 9 oclock
Concluded with prayer
Back Creek Church April 6th 1832
Presbytery met agreably to adjournment and constituted with prayer — present as on yesterday except those absent with leave. — The minutes of yesterday were read
The committee appointed to examine the Session Books reported which Report was approved and is as follows Viz, The committee appointed to examine the several Session books, beg leave to report that only four session books have been put into their hands for inspection viz the records of Emanuels Church, Unity, Fourth Creek, and Concord; we have examined the above and find them accurately kept and recommend that they be approved
Signed John Williamson
William A Hall } Com
C. E. Reinhardt
Mr Andrew G. Lockridge a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Lexington produced a certificate of his good standing and regular dismission from said Presbytery to join this Presbytery — Whereupon resolved that Mr Lockridge be

received; and he accordingly was received under the Care of this Presbytery

Presbytery went into a free conversation on the State of Religion agreeably to the order of the day

The Committee on the Education Society reported which report was received and adopted and is as follows

Beneficiaries Mr Elam L. McQuinn. Mr. L. W. Erwin and Mr J. P. McPherson.

Mr McQuinn was received April 1829. and has continued from that time under our care; supported a part of the time by the liberality of individuals and from Oct. 1830 up to the present time by the Board Amount paid him $ B. Balance due for his board. $88-62½ Cts

Mr McQuinn is advanced, in Latin as far as Horace and the New Testament in Greek

Mr L. W. Erwin was received Oct. 1830 - since which time he has been on the funds of the Board Amount Paid him — $35 Balance due for his boarding — $99-30 Cts — Mr Erwin is advanced in Latin as far as Virgil and is reading the New Testament in Greek

Mr. J. P. McPherson was received May 1831 Amount paid him $26 - balance due for his boarding $31—43 Cts Mr McPherson is reading Horace and the Greek Testament

Whole amount due the Revd P. I. Sparrow for the boarding of these three beneficiaries $216-61¾ Cts

Amount of funds in treasurers hand. 63 63 Paid to Mr Sparrow

Balance due Mr Sparrow $152.98¾

On motion resolved that the members of the Presbytery present the claims of the Education Society before their respective congregations, and immediately take up collections in its behalf

Resolved that the Examining Committee be constituted an Executive Committee of the Education Society

The committee on Supplies to vacant Congregations reported which report was adopted and is as follows

Dr. McKee. Supply at discretion
Dr Robinson administer L. S. at Hyatts
J. Williamson & W. L. Pharr } do do at Cumberland
W. M. Kerr at Drusilla
Rev. H. Morrison at Concord Town
J. Fraser at discretion
D. N. Pharr at Bethpage.
6 Bradshaw at discretion
J. Silliman at Siloam.
W. A. Hall at Franklin
P. I. Sparrow, at Bethel
J. Espy at discretion
R. L. Caldwell at discretion
J. L. Watson at Olney

A Call from Third Creek Church to Mr A. G. Lockridge for the one half of his ministerial labors; and also a Call from Back Creek Church to him for the other half were received and read. These calls being found to be in due form, Resolved that they be put into the hands of Mr Lockridge

Mr James E Morrison a candidate under our care delivered his popular Sermon from Acts, 17th Chap. 30 verse which Sermon was considered and sustained as a part of trial.

Mr James E Morrison having, with approbation, gone through all the Examinations, and various parts of trial previous to Licensure, as directed by our Book of Discipline Presbytery proceeded to License him to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the Holy Ministry which license is in the following words viz

At Back Creek Church Rowan County on the 26th day of April 1832, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of James E Morrison, of his having gone through a regular Course of Literature; of his good moral Character; and of his being in the Communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity, and other studies, the Presby. did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him the said James E Morrison to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy Ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

The Revd Messrs L Williamson D Williamson R H. Morrison W S. Phares Dr McKee & Dr Robinson and Messrs John Hardt, Andrew Ramsay, Dan Alexander Charles E Kindhardt & Thos Alexander Elders had leave of absence after this evening

Adjourned to meet at this place on tomorrow at 9 Oclock Concluded with prayer

Back Creek Church April 27th 1832

Presbytery met agreably to adjournment and constituted with prayer present as on yesterday except those absent with leave ——— The minutes of yesterday were read

The committee appointed to prepare a report to the next Gen Assembly on the State of Religion within our bounds reported, which report was received and adopted and ordered to be put into the hands of our Commissioner to be transmitted by him to the Gen Assembly

Mr A. Y. Lockridge signified his acceptance of the Calls that were put into his hands on yesterday;

Therefore Resolved that Presbytery meet at Third Creek Church on the thursday before the 4th Sabbath in May next for the purpose of ordaining Mr Lockridge and installing him pastor of Third Creek and Back Creek Church and that Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge and H. R. Pharr be his alternate, and that the Revd P. D. Sparrow preach the ordination Sermon and William A Hall be his alternate

Ordered that Mr Lockridge prepare a sermon on 1st Cor 2nd 6 chapt 11th verse and prepare for examination as directed in our Book of Discipline in such case

Mr J W. Erwin one of our beneficiaries appeared before us and was examined according to a former resolution of Presbytery, and we find that he has made suitable advancement, and is reading Virgil &c. Latin and the Testament in Greek.

Mr Sparrow assigned to Presbytery satisfactory reasons for the absence of the other beneficiaries

106 The Minutes were read and corrected.
Adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church
on the Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in May next
Concluded with Prayer

P. J. Sparrow, Clk pro tem

D. Williamson S Clerk

Nineteenth Sepions of the Synod of N.C.
Salisbury the 20th of Oct 1832
The Minutes thus far examined and
approved

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Special Meeting

Third Creek Church May 24th 1832

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present the Rev Henry N. Shaw, William A. Hall, and Robert L. Caldwell, with Mr Samuel McNeely Ruling Elder.

The Revd Henry N Shaw was chosen Moderator and the Revd William A Hall Clerk

Mr Andrew G Lockridge a licentiate under our care being present preached a sermon from the Text assigned him by Presbytery at its last meeting; — Adjourned to meet at Mr Abel Grahams, this afternoon at 4. oclock concluded with prayer

Mr Abel Grahams 4 oclock P.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer present as above.

Mr James D. Hall, who has been a Student of Theology 18 months at the Union Theo. Seminary, being present offered himself as a candidate to be taken under the care of this Presbytery. Satisfactory testimonials being presented of his good moral Character, and Church membership; Presbytery proceeded to examine him on experimental religion and his motives for seeking the gospel ministry.

These examinations were deemed satisfactory, whereupon Resolved that Mr Hall be received as a candidate under our care.

Presbytery then proceeded to the examination of Mr Andrew G. Lockridge as directed in our Book of Discipline, he was accordingly examined & examined on the Greek language, on Philosophy, Theology, Church History, and Church government which examinations were considered, and sustained.

Mr Hall having produced authentick testimonials of his being a regular graduate of the University of N. Car-

Presbytery proceeded to examine him on the Latin and Greek languages; which examination were considered and sustained as part of trials. Presbytery adjourned to meet at this place to morrow morning at 6 oclock; concluded with prayer

Friday May 25 Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer; present as above; The minutes of yesterday were read; Presbytery took under consideration the sermon delivered on yesterday by Mr Lockridge which was sustained as a part of trial

Presbytery then proceed with the examination of Mr Hall on Geography, Natural, Philosophy, Mathematicks, Chemistry, Astronomy &c which examinations were considered and sustained

The following parts of trial previous to licensure were assigned Mr Hall. Viz a critical exercise on 1 Peter 2.nd Chap. 21—to the 24th verse inclusive, and a latin exegesis on the theme, An ignorantia excusat peccatum? A popular lecture on the 23 Psalm and a popular sermon on the 9th verse of the 3d Chapt. of the 2nd Epistle of Peter.

Adjourned to meet at the Church at half past ten oclock A M. — Concluded with prayer

Third Creek Church, Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer present as above.

The Revd P J Sparrow appeared and took his seat

An ordination sermon was preached by Mr Sparrow from the 7th 8th & 9th verses of the 33d Chapt. of Ezekiel.

The Revd Henry N Pharr presiding propose the usual interrogatories before ordination to the Candidate all of which being answered in the affirmative; Mr Andrew Lockridge was then by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery; according to the Apostolick example solemnly ordained to the holy office of the

Gospel Ministry, — the usual questions previous to installation were then proposed to Mr Lockridge and to the congregation of Third Creek, and to a committee of the congregation of Back Creek, which being answered in the affirmative; Mr Lockridge was constituted and installed the pastor of said congregations; and the charge to the newly ordained bishop and to the people were delivered by the Revd H N Pharr the Moderator

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Unity Church Lincoln on the 1st Wednesday of Oct next.

Concluded with prayer

— Signed

William L Hall Clerk

Third Session.

Unity Church (Lincoln) Oct 3 - 1832

The Presbytery of Concord met agreeably to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by the Revd Stephen Frontis the 21st & 22nd verses of the 11th Ch Gospel by Luke; and was constituted with prayer by the Revd Dr Robinson

Present

Ministers	Elders
The Revd John Robinson D.D.	Joseph Young
" John Williamson	James Sample
" Walter L Pharr	Thomas Alexander
" Samuel Williamson	David L Torrence
" Stephen Frontis	John Phifer
" Christopher Bradshaw	Thomas Parks
" John Stillman	William A Johnson
" Samuel L Watson	John Murray
" William A Hall	Samuel Martin
" Patrick J Sparrow	Robt H Burton
" Robert L Caldwell	Alexander J Mathews
" Andrew G Lockridge	William Flemming
	Robert Johnson
Absent	Alexander Sellers
The Revd James McKee D.D.	N. H. Craig
" H M Kerr	
" Jonathan B Freeman	
" Daniel Gould	
" Robt H Morrison	
" Henry N Pharr	
" Thomas Espy	

The Revd John Robinson D.D. was chosen Moderator and Patrick J Sparrow Clerk; — The minutes of the last Stated, and intermediate Sessions were read.

Mr Watson rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence from the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Notice being given by the Moderator that it was the proper time for persons having letters or papers addressed to this Presbytery to hand them in; —— A petition was received from Union Church in Mecklenburg County requesting, that inasmuch as they have been regularly organized according to the ways of the Presbyterian Church, by the ordination of four Ruling Elders, & consist of twenty five members, and a number of persons that are willing to support the Gospel; they be received & recognized as a Church under the care of this Presbytery. —— Whereupon resolved, that said Church be, and it is hereby received under our care. Mr N. H. Craig a Ruling Elder duly authorised to act as the representative of said Church being present, was enrolled and took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Mr Daniel Lindsay presented a certificate of his good standing as a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Orange, together with a dismission from said Presbytery to join this Presbytery; whereupon he was received as a licentiate under our care.

The members of Presbytery being called on to report what they had done for the Education Society paid the following sums into the funds of said Society (viz) Revd John Williamson $13. S. Williamson $10, Wm A Hall $6.66 Robt L Caldwell $14 Andrew G Lockridge $10 Saml L Watson $10 Walter L. Pharr $10, Stephen Frontis $10 John Phifer Esq $10 Joseph Young Esq $10. Revd John Stillman $10.

Dr. Robinson $2 Mr. Flemming $1 Mr Lockridge $1 Robt Burton Esq $2 Mr Patton $5 Mr Turner $1 Mr Thrift $1 Mr Torrence $2.50 Mr John Caldwell $5. Mr Thomas Alexander $1. Session of Center Church $3. Revd Robt H Morrison $13.72½ & Mr Robt Johnson $2, Making in all $154.00

Mr Frontis our Commissioner to the last Gen Assembly reported, that he had attended, as the representative of this Presbytery.

The Revd Messrs Watson and R L Sparrow were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last Gen Assembly and report such items as may require the attention of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Mr R. H. Burton at 4 oclock this evening —— Concluded with prayer.

Mr Burton 4 oclock P. M.

Presbytery met agreably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above except those absent with leave.

The Revd John Witherspoon of Orange Presbytery being present was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member.

Mr Thomas L Bowen a Ruling Elder from Salisbury appeared and took his seat.

Mr John M. Wilson a graduate of Washington College Pa and Mr John M. M. Caldwell were introduced by Dr Robinson as members of the Presbyterian Church in good standing and having a desire to place themselves under the care of this Presbytery as candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

Presbytery proceeded to examine them on experimental religion and their motives, which influenced them to desire the sacred office; which examination was

considered and sustained. Adjourned to meet at Unity Church tomorrow morning at 9 oclock. Concluded with prayer.

Unity, Church Oct 4th 1832

Presbytery met agreably to adjournment and constituted with prayer. present as above

The Revd Robt H Morrison & Henry N. Pharr appeared and assigned satisfactory reasons for absence on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday and this morning were read

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Gen Assembly reported the following items as requiring the attention of this Presbytery.

1st the resolution on page 326 in relation to the appointment of a day of fasting and prayer for the Conversion of the world

2d. The report of the Committee on reducing the ratio of representation to the Gen Assembly. Page 330

3d The resolution on Page 333 respecting called meetings of Synods

4th The resolution in relation to the admission of persons to the communion of the Church Page 334.

Resolved that the report be received & adopted. and the items docketed.

The following communication was received from the Session of Rocky River Church viz

1st The Session of Rocky River Church ask advice from the Presbytery of Concord; on the following subjects — viz

1. Suppose that B. has slandered his character, and sues him at law, B complains to the Session of the Church that A. unmindful of his Christian character, has disregarded, and set at naught, the rule prescribed by the Great Head of the Church in the 15th & 16th verses of the 18th Chapt of the Gospel by Matt. and calls upon the Session to pass such censure on A. as his conduct merits. — Is this conduct of A censurable?

2 The Session further ask an explanation by the Presbytery, of

what offence are embraced by the word trespass in the 15th verse of 18th Chapt of Matthew

Oct 1st 1832 By order of the Session
of Rocky River Church
J. Phifer

The Revd John Williamson R. H. Morrison & Saml L. Watson, with Mess. R. H. Burton, Thomas L Cowan & Amos Alexander were appointed a committee to take into consideration said communication and report thereon to Presbytery.

Mr Daniel Lindly signified his acceptance of the call presented to him from Rocky River Church. whereupon resolved that the Presbytery meet at Rocky River church on the 1st Wednesday in Nov. for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr Lindly Pastor of said Church; and that Revd R. H. Morrison preach the ordination Sermon the Revd John Williamson presides and give the charge to newly ordained Bishop, and the Revd Samuel Williamson give the charge to the congregation. & that the Revd S. Frank be the alternate of Mr Morrison, Revd Mr J. Pharr be the alternate of Mr J Williamson & the Revd S. L. Watson be the alternate of Mr S. Williamson.

Ordered that Mr Lindly prepare a sermon on the 25 verse of the 4th Chapt Epistle to the Hebrews

The Revd S. Frank. & Christopher Bradshaw, and Messrs W. L. Johnson and Mr Flemming were appointed a committee to take into consideration the propriety of spending a day a part of a day in religious exercises during the present Session of Presbytery, and the manner in which such exercises should be conducted. and report on the same.

Resolved that our congregational reports be made to

Presbytery now, and that hereafter it be a standing rule to make reports at the fall Sessions of Presbytery.

A number of individuals of Asheville presented to Presbytery a petition, requesting that, inasmuch as they have been regularly organized a Presbyterian Church, they be taken under the care of this Presbytery and be known as the Presbyterian church of Asheville? _____ whereupon resolved that said request be granted

Mr Absalom R Barr one of our candidates read a Latin Exegesis from the theme "Originale peccatum quid est? et quomodo probatum?. and a critical exercise from the 8th Chapt Rom. 18 — to 28 verse inclusive; also a Lecture from Matt 4 Chapt. 1 — 11th verse as parts of trial

Mr Thomas P. Johnson another candidate read as part of trial a Latin Exegesis from the theme "Quid est peccatum in Spiritum Sanctum?" and a critical exercise from 1 Peter 4th Ch of 6 verse

Mr Barr Delivered his popular sermon from the 12 verse of the 8th Chapt of John

Mr Johnson delivered his popular sermon from the 24th verse of the 2 Chapt of 1 Peter

Mr Parks & Mr Craig had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved that whereas, the Revd Jonathan C Truman has been so long residing without our bounds, and not having forwarded to us any communication on the subject, since he has been given to know, that he cannot remain on our roll whilst residing out of our bounds; that he be cited to appear before this Presbytery, and shew cause, if any there be, for his continued absence from our Sessions.

Mr H. N. Pharr and Mr Hall were appointed a committee of Supplies

Resolved, that Presbytery recommend to all its members to attend to the recommendation of the Gen Assembly in relation to observing the first Monday of the year 1833 as a day of Fasting and prayer for the conversion of the world

Resolved that the consideration of the second and third items in the report of the committee on the minutes of the Gen Assembly be postponed until the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery,

Resolved, that the members of this Presbytery be recommended to observe the resolution of the Gen Assembly on the subject of receiving members into the Church

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Rocky River Church, reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows. V

V The committee report that after considering the subject they agree in the following facts.

1st In the 1st Command of our Saviour, contained in the 18th Chapt of Matt, 15th & 16 verses, they recognized a rule, wisely laid down to prevent the spirit of litigation and its baneful consequences, obligatory upon the members of the Church; and the neglect of which has been too common amongst Christians, and is to be deplored as the source of much mischief to the Church.

2d As in the case supposed A. failed to comply with the previous steps laid down; this failure was censurable.

3 The word trespass, herein referred to, the committee believe includes all those offences either of omission, or commission which are inconsistent with the Brotherly love among christians; or destructive of the peace of the Church

Mr Pelliman Mr Bradshaw and Mr Murray had leave of absence after this evening

A call from Bethpage Church to Mr J. E. Morrison for the one half of his ministerial labors was received and put into the hands of Mr Morrison who asked and obtained permission to take said call into consideration until the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved that the subject of Missions be the order of the day for to morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

Mr Pelton had leave of absence

Adjourned to meet at Mr N. H. Burton at 7 o'clock P.M.

Concluded with prayer

Mr Burton 7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present as above except those absent with leave.

Presbytery proceeded in the examination of Mr J. M. Wilson and Mr J. M. Mc Caldwell on Astronomy and Natural Philosophy — their whole examination was then considered and sustained.

Mr Barr and Mr Johnson were then examined preparatory to licensure on Theology Church History and Church Government; which examination were considered and sustained.

The 19th verse of the 3d Chapt of John was assigned to Mr J. M. Wilson; and the 12th verse of the 5th Chapt of Romans to Mr J. M. Mc Caldwell on which to prepare Sermons; and to each were assigned the first ten Chapters of the Confession of Faith, and the first five Centuries of the History of the Church for examination at the next Stated Session of Presbytery;

Adjourned to meet at Unity Church at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning

Concluded with prayer

Unity Church Oct 5th 1832

Presbytery met agreeably to adjournment. Constituted with prayer
The minutes of yesterday and last evening were read
Mr Watson had leave of absence after 12 oclk to day
The order of the day was taken up — whereupon.
Resolved that we hold our Missionary Funds subject to the order of the Gen Assembly's Board.
Resolved that we proceed to the election of an Executive Committee of Missions. The Revd Messrs Sprole & Morrison were appointed a committee of nomination.
The committee of nomination reported which report was accepted and adopted and is as follows.
The Committee Recommend the following individuals compose the Executive committee of Missions. Viz

Revd Walter L Pharr
" Samuel Williamson
" Patrick J Sparrow
" William A Hall
" Samuel L Watson
" Henry N. Pharr.
Mr Joseph Young
" N. H. Burton
" Abel Graham

The Treasurer of the former Executive committee being called on reported to Presbytery as follows

Recd from	former Treasurer	$192. 96¼
" from	Mrs Martha Alexander	10. 00
"	Mrs Martha Carrigan	2 00
	Col Robt Williams —	10. 00
	People of Ashville	4. 00
	Congregation of Providence	25. 00
	Carried forward — —	243. 96¼

	on last page	$243. 96¼
Recd from	Congregation of New Hope	$8. 75
"	Revd Henry N. Pharr	10. 00
"	Benevolent Society of Rocky River	60. 00
"	Revd Christopher Bradshaw	4. 00
"	" Walter L Pharr —	10. 00
"	" Flat Creek Church	18. 00
"	" Sugar Creek —	4. 87½
Whole amount Received		$349. 57½
Paid by order of C. C. to Revd Mr Bradshaw		$150. 00
Balance in Treasury.		199. 57½

Signed S L. Watson Treasurer

The Revd Mr Watson was reappointed Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Missions

Presbytery proceeded to the Installation of the Revd Patrick J Sparrow as pastor of Unity Church. A sermon adapted to the occasion was preached by the Revd N. H. Morrison from the 17th verse of the 4 Chap of Colossians

The Revd Dr Robinson presiding the usual interrogatories previous to installation were put to Mr Sparrow and to the Committee appointed to answer for Unity Congregation, all which questions were answered in the affirmative and the Revd P. J. Sparrow according to the usage of our Church was Solemnly installed the Pastor of Unity Congregation — and an appropriate Charge was delivered to the Pastor and to the Congregation by the Revd Dr Robinson.

Mr Thomas P Johnson read as a part of trial a Lecture on the 23d Psalm.

All the various parts of trial of Mr Barr and Mr Johnson were considered and sustained

Mr Absalom K Barr and Mr Thomas P. Johnston having with approbation gone through all the examinations and various parts of trial previous to licensure as directed in our Book of Discipline; Presbytery proceeded to license them to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy Ministry; which License is in the following words

At Unity Church (Lincoln) the 5th of Oct. 1832

the presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Mr Absalom K Barr and Mr Thomas P. Johnston of their having gone through a regular course of Education; of their good moral Character; and of their living in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in Literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; — and they having adopted the confession of faith of this Church; and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the presbytery did, and hereby do license them, the said Absalom K Barr and Thomas P Johnston to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery or wherever else they may be orderly called.

Barr & T. P. Johnston licensed

The Committee of Supplies made the following report which was adopted. Viz.

Dr McKa	Supply	at	Discretion
Dr Robinson	1 Sab	at	Discretion
Mr H. M. Kerr	1 do	"	Discretion
" D Gould		at	Discretion

Revd	Walker Shaw	1 Sab.	at Discretion
"	R. H. Morrison	1 do	at Discretion
"	J Williamson	1 do	at Discretion
"	J Frantz	1 do	at Discretion
"	H N Shaw	1 do	at Union · Mecklinburg
"	C Beadenkam	1 do	at Discretion
"	Mr A Ball	1 do	at Discretion
"	P J Sparrow	1 do	at Discretion
"	Thomas Esq		
"	Andrew P. Lockridge	1 do	at Hyattown
"	R L Caldwell	1 do	at Discretion

Licentiates

Mr D Lindley	1 Sab	at	Concord Town
" J E Morrison	1 do	at	Philadelphia
" J P Johnson	1 do	at	Center
" A K. Barr	1 do	at	Philadelphia 1 at Union

Mr Morrison had leave of absence from the remainder of the Session

Permission was given the Revd Henry N. Shaw, to hold in his hands for consideration the Call from Concord Church until next Stated Session

A communication was read from Mr Abner York assigning reasons for his appeal from the decision of Presbytery in the case between him & the Revd Thomas Esq

The following are the reasons which he assigns

1 He thinks the trial was not fair & impartial

2nd That he was denied the privilege of asking Andrew Ramsay a question when the trial was progressing.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk be directed to issue a Citation to Dr Truman to appear before Presbytery to answer

for his long continued absence from our meeting
Resolved that the next Stated session of this Presbytery be held at Rocky River Church on the 1st wednesday of April 1833. to meet at 11 oclock A.M.
The Revd P J Sparrow proposes to take and educate Mr J P McPherson (one of our Beneficiaries) free from all charge to the Presbytery, provided that presbytery will permit Mr McPherson to remain with him untill he be licensed to preach
Resolved that Presbytery accede to said proposal
Ordered that the Revd H. N. Pharr and Mr Lindley administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Union Church on the Sabbath succeeding the 1st wednesday in Nov next

Adjourned to meet at Salisbury during the meting of Synod

Concluded with prayer

Signed P J Sparrow Moderator

Salisbury Oct 18 1832

The Presbytery of Concord met agreably to adjournment and constituted with prayer
Present the Revd James McKee DD John Robinson DD J. Williamson W. S. Pharr H H Morrison S Williamson J Combs H N Pharr W A Hall L L. Watson P J Sparrow and A Y Lockridge with Elders W. John Falls W. L. Allison Wm Monteith E Weir A Robinson R Hall S Culbertson W Kilpatrick J L Cowan R Potts and John Murdock
Absent Revs H M Kerr D. Gould J Gillimann C Bradshaw J Espy and R L Caldwell

The presbytery held an interlocutory meting in which various Items of Missionary business were considered without any decision demanding record
Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator
Concludes with prayer

Salisbury oct 20 1832

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator present as above except those absent with leave
The attention of presbytery was called to a request of Mr Abner York
The Synod of N. C. having come to a judgment on the appeal of said York from the decision of Presbytery Mr York desired Presbytery to express an opinion on a specified point whereupon the following resolution was adopted viz Resolved that in the view of this Presby from the Evidence Mr John York was not guilty of dishonesty before Wm Knox Esqr --- Adjourned to meet at Rocky River Church on the 7th Nov 1832
Concluded with prayer

Rocky River church Nov 7th 1832

The Pres of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer — present Revs John Robinson D.D. the Moderator John Williamson Walter L Pharr R. H. Morrison and Saml L Watson the Rev R H Morrison was appointed Clerk the special object for which this meeting was appointed being the ordination of Mr Daniel Lindley. Presby preached hear his trials. Mr Lindley delivered a sermon from Heb 9th chapt and 23 verse and was examined on church History Theology and church government all which parts of trial were considered and sustained. whereupon Resolved that Presby. proceed to the ordination of Mr Lindley the Rev R H Morrison delivered a sermon from Acts 20th and 28 verse according to previous appointment

The Rev John Williamson then recited in the audience of the people the proceedings of Presby preparatory to Mr Lindley's ordination and having pointed out the nature and importance of the ordinance proposed to the candidate the questions required by our form of government which being answered in the affirmative the usual questions were then proposed to the people of the Congregation and satisfactorily answered

Mr Lindley having kneeled down, was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry and installed pastor of Rocky River Church. The Rev John Williamson then gave an appropriate charge to the newly ordained Pastor and the Rev Dr Robinson gave an appropriate charge to the people, and both being commended by prayer to the grace of God and to his holy keeping the congregation was dismissed

Presby adjourned to meet at Rocky River Church on the 1st Wednesday of April 1833.

Signed Robt H Morrison Clk pro tem

Rocky River Church April 3d 1833

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd John Robinson D.D. the Moderator from Exodus 14. Chapt 13 verse and was constituted by prayer

Members present	Elders
Ministers	William Morrison
The Revd James McKee D.D	Francis Beattie
" John Robinson D.D	Saml Caldwell
" John Williamson	William L Johnson
" Walter L. Pharr	Doct Joseph W. Kerr
" Robt H Morrison	Alex Lorance
" Stephen Frontis	John McDaniel
" Saml Williamson	Pillespie Culbertson
" Henry S Pharr	William McKee
" Samuel L Watson	Thos Allison
" William A Hall	George Andrews
" Andrew J Lackridge	John Phifer
" Daniel Lindley	Jas W Rodger
	David Pervines

Absent

The Revd R M McKee Jonathan O Freeman
Daniel Gould Christopher Bradshaw
John Gillimore Patrick I Spaine
Thos Espe and Robt L Caldwell

The Revd William A Hall was chosen Moderator and the Revd Saml L Watson Clerk.

The minutes of the last stated Session and of the intermediate sessions were read; and upon inquiry it appeared that the members had generally attended to the instructions of

the vacant churches within our boundy. The Revd Abner J. Leaverworth, a member of the Hartford Consociation of Con., being present was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member.

The pastoral relation existing between the Revd H. H. Morrison and the Church of Charlotte was dissolved at the request of the parties concerned

A letter was read from the Revd P. S. Sparrow assigning satisfactory reason for his absence from the present sessions of Presby

A call was presented to Presbytery from the Church of Concord for the one half the ministerial labors of the Revd Henry N. Pharr, and he having rejected the former call from the same Church this call was presented to him, and accepted

Ordered that the installation of the Revd Henry N Pharr as Pastor of Concord Church take place on Friday before the 3 Sabbath in May next; and that the Revd Walter L. Steele preside and give the Charge to the Pastor and that Dr McKee be his alternate; that the Revd Stephen Frontis preach the sermon, and the Revd Daniel Lindley give the Charge to the congregation

It being announced to the Presbytery that since our last Stated Sessions one of our members had been called away by death; therefore resolved that the Revd Dr Robinson and the Revd John Williamson be a committee to prepare an obituary notice of our deceased Brother the Revd Robt L Caldwell!

The Revd Stephen Frontis, Daniel Lindley and Mr George Andrews were appointed a committee to examine the records of Church Sessions. Presbytery spent some time in considering the Overture sent down from the Gen Assembly respecting a change in the Mode and ratio of representation to that Body

Adjourned to meet this evening at the house of Mr Saml Harris at 7 oclock

concluded with prayer

Mr Harris 7 oclock P.M

Presby met according to adjournment present as above

Mr James D. Hall, a candidate under the care of Presby delivered a lecture from the 23d Psalm as a part of trial preparatory to Licensure; Mr Hall also read an Exegesis from the theme "an ignorantia excusat peccatum?"

Mr Hall was also examined on Theology and Church History

Mr John M M Caldwell a candidate under the care of Presby was examined on Church History to the close of the 5 Cen. A. and on Theology through the first ten Chapters Confession of Faith

The several parts of trial of Messrs Hall and Caldwell were considered and sustained, Adjourned to meet at Rocky Mount Church tomorrow morning; concluded with prayer

April 4th Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer, present as above; the minutes of yesterday were read

Mr Isaac Irwin a ruling Elder from Emanuel Church Lincolnton appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member

A Letter was read from the Revd Daniel Gould giving satisfactory reason for his absence from the present and two former sessions of Presbytery

Presbytery resumed the consideration of the Overture from the Gen Assembly respecting the mode and ratio of representation to that body and decided as follows. Viz

Resolved that the 1st question viz "Shall the form of representation be changed from Presbyterial to Synodical?" be answered in the negative

To the 2nd question viz Shall the 2nd Section of the 12 Chapt of the form of Government be so altered as to make the ratio of representation one minister and one elder from each presbytery consisting of not more than 24 members and from each Presbytery consisting of more than 24 members

two ministers and two Elders and in like proportion for every 24 members in every Presbytery? — ordered that it be answered in the affirmative

Mr Matthew McCall a ruling Elder from Philadelphia Church appeared in Presbytery and took a seat as a member

Presbytery took into consideration the Rule sent down from the Gen Assembly respecting the constitutionality of called Synods & Resolved unanimously that the same do not become a rule

Mr Edward Weir a ruling Elder from Mallard Creek Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

Presbytery took up the Case of the Revd Jonathan O Freeman whereupon ordered that, as we have no evidence that former citations have been served on him; the Stated Clerk be directed to cite him again to appear before Presbytery, and answer for his long continued absence from the stated sessions of Presbytery

The Revd Samuel Williamson & Henry N. Pharr were appointed a committee to make out supplies for the vacant Churches

Mr Irwin a ruling Elder from Lincolnton requested that supplies be sent to that Church and stated that arrangements had been made to dissolve the Pastoral relation between the Revd P.J. Sparrow and that Church but in consequence of the absence of Mr Sparrow it could not be brought regularly before Presbytery

Ordered that supplies be granted

The Revd John Robinson DD and the Revd Andrew Y Lockridge together with Messrs Enoch Andrews and John Phifer Ruling Elders were elected Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly from this Presbytery

The members of Presbytery were called on to pay Commissioners funds. whereupon resolved that they pay six dollars instead of three for the present year and they paid as follows viz

Revd Henry N. Pharr	$6	Revd Daniel Lindly	$7
" H. H. Morrison - - -	" 7	" J. Williamson	" 7
Fourth Creek Church	" 5	Wm McKee Esqr -	" 4
" A. Y. Lockridge -	" 7	Mr Nathan B Carroll	" 2
" J. J. Watson -	" 6	Mr Saml Caldwell	2
Center & Prospect Churches	" 3	John Phifer Esq	5
" W. A. Hall	" 6	Dr Jos. W Ross -	3
" M. L. Pharr	" 3	Mr Edward Weir	2
" Dr Robinson	" 6	Revd P.J. Sparrow	6
" J. Williamson	" 6	" Jos Rodgers -	1
" J. Fraser - - -	" 6		

making in all one hundred dollars

A Call was presented to Presbytery from the Church in the Town of Concord for the ministerial labors of Mr James E Morrison a Licentiate under our care for the one half his time; the Call was put into the hands of Mr Morrison and time allowed him for its consideration

The Revd Robt H Morrison and J Fraser were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds for the next Gen Assembly; and the afternoon was spent in a free conversation on the state of religion in our Churches

Mr Irwin had leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning Concluded with prayer

Friday morning April 8 Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer psame & alow

The minutes of yesterday were read

The committee appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the Revd Robert L Caldwell reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz

It becomes the mournful duty of the Presbytery to record the Death! of our young and Beloved Brother the Revd Robt L Caldwell who finished his earthly labors on the 14th day of Nov last; while we regard the early removal of our beloved son and Brother in the ministry as an event deeply afflictive; and while we indulge the tenderest sympathies for his disconsolate Family and bereaved people; we would remember, that it is the Lords doing, and in the spirit of the Gospel we would say Father Thy will be done,,

Rgnd John Robinson
John W Williamson

The committee appointed to examine the books of the Church Sessions reported that only the Books of Goshen and Fourth Creek have been put into their hands which they have examined and recommend that they be approved which report was adopted

The following Supplies were appointed viz

The Revd Dr McKee to administer the Sacrament at Bethel
The Revd Dr Robinson to administer at Fourth Creek
Revd J Williamson at Goshen Revd W. S. Pharr at Mallard Creek, R. H. Morrison at Unity J Williamson at Philo
J. Francis at Bethel H N Pharr at Lincolnton C. Brasfield at discretion H. M. Kerr at Amsville J Gillimon at Siloam
Mr A Wall at Bethpage J. G. Watson at Olney P. J. Sparrow at Thyatira. A Y Lockridge at discretion

Daniel Lindly at Monroe and Mr James E Morrison 1 Sabbat at Six mile Creek

The Committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the State of religion to the Gen Assembly read their report which was accepted and adopted.

The Revd Robt H Morrison and H N Pharr with Mr John Phifer ruling Elder were appointed a committee to arrange the commissioners funds according to the representation to which we are entitled in the Gen Assembly

The Revd J Francis paid to the treasurer of the Education Society from the Church of Bethany sixty five dollars and 50 Cts —

Ordered that the Treasurer be directed to pay one hundred dollars to our Commissioner to the next Gen Assembly

Resolved that Presbytery hold its next stated session at Bethany Church and meet on the first wednesday in Oct at 11 Oclock A.M. and that the ordination of Mr Thos P. Johnson who is destined to a foreign Mission take place at that time; and that Mr Johnson prepare a Sermon from Mark 16 Chap. 15 vers Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and that he prepare for examination as required in the Book of Discipline

Ordered that the Revd Stephen Frontis preach the ordination Sermon and that Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge

the Revd J Williamson & Mr Monteith had leave of absence after this evening

Resolved that the Secretary of the Executive Committee of missions be directed to inform the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Gen Assembly that we have not more funds on hand than we expect to expend within our bounds during the approaching summer the Licentiates under our care were directed to supply the pulpit of the Revd Andrew G Lockridge during his absence to the Gen Assembly one sabbath each

Resolved that this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Gen Assembly's Board of Education

Mr John M Wilson a candidate under the care of Presbytery requested that his examination be postponed until the next meeting of Presbytery and the former appointments be continued; which was granted.

Mr James D. Hall delivered his popular sermon from 2nd Peter 3d — and 9th as part of trial previous to Licensure, which was considered and sustained

Presbytery proceeded to License Mr Hall to preach the Gospel which Sacrament is as follows viz

At the Church of Rocky River ~~Church~~ the 6 day of April 1833. the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonial in favor of Mr James D. Hall, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the Church proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in Divinity

J. D. Hall ordained

and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all three parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did and hereby do license him the said James D. Hall to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery or wherever else he shall be orderly called

Mr John M Wilson was directed to prepare for examination at the next stated Session of Presbytery on 10 additional chapters of the Confession of faith and 5 additional centuries in Church History and also a sermon on the 36th verse of the 3d Chapt of John

Mr John M M Caldwell was directed to prepare a popular sermon on the 21st verse of the 5 Chapt of 2nd Cor; and an Exegesis on the theme "Quid est peccatum in Sanctum Spiritum?" & a popular Lecture on the first 6 verses of the 6th Chapt of the Epistle to the Heb. as parts of trial previous to licensure

Mr John M M Caldwell read a sermon from Romans 5th Chapt and 12th verse which was considered and sustained

The revd Dr Robinson R H. Morrison D Lindly and A. Frontis were appointed a committee to examine Beneficiaries who may be recd by Presbytery

The revd John Williamson S Williamson H N. Pharr P I Sparrow & A. G. Lockridge were appointed an executive committee on Education and S Williamson was appointed Treasurer of this Committee.

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Mr Elam L. McGuire, a Beneficiary under care of the Presbytery, was examined as to his progress in the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages and his growth in personal piety, and his purpose to devote himself to the work of the gospel ministry; and after due consideration, Resolved that for the present it is inexpedient to continue Mr McGuire as a Beneficiary

Ordered that Dr Robinson make known this decision of the Presbytery to Mr McGuire

The Revd H. N. Pharr, Stephen Fronts Daniel Lindly and William L Hall were appointed a committee to examine Mr Irwin a Beneficiary under care of Presbytery

Adjourned to meet at Bethany Church the first wednesday in Oct next at 11 Oclock AM

Concluded with Prayer

Signed. L. L. Watson Clk Pro Tem

Bethany Church Oct 2nd 1833.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon, by the Revd Wm A Hall, the Moderator, from the 19th verse of the 1st Chapt of the 2nd Epistle of Peter, "we have also a more sure word of prophecy &c. and constituted with prayer.

Members present

Ministers

The Revd John Robinson D.D.
" " John Williamson
" " Daniel Gould
" " Stephen Frontis
" " Samuel Williamson
" " Henry A Pharr
" " John Pillsman
" " Wm A Hall
" " Andrew Y Lockridge
" & Daniel Lindsay

Absent

The Revd James McKee D.D.
" " Henry M Kerr
" " Walter L Pharr
" " Jonathan C Freeman
" " Robt H. Morrison
" " Christopher Bradshaw
" " Samuel L Watson
" & " Patrick J. Sparrow

Elders

Mr H. W. Boyd
Amos Sharp
James Adams
Lyon Morrison
Andrew Work
Charles E. Reinhardt
& David Miller

The Revd Henry A. Pharr was chosen Moderator and the Revd Wm A. Hall. Clerk

The minutes of the last Stated sessions of the Presbytery were read; and the Revd John Pillsman assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from said sessions.

The Revd J. M. Irwin of the Pres. of Harmony S.C being present was invited and took a seat as a corresponding member.

Letters were received from the Revds James McKee D.D. and from the Revd Christopher Bradshaw which were read and on Motion referred to the Executive committee on Missions

A communication was received from the Revd H. McKerr praying a dismission from the Presbytery that he may connect himself with the Presbytery of Holston, Whereupon resolved that the request of Mr Kerr be granted, and that the Stated Clerk be directed to prepare and forward to Mr Kerr a regular dismission from this Presbytery that he may unite himself with the Presbytery of Holston.

The Revds J Pillsman & S. Frontis and Mr Charles E Reinhardt Ruling Elder were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last Gen Assembly and report to Presbytery any items that may require their notice.

The Revd Andrew Y Lockridge one of our commissioners to the last Gen Assembly being called on reported that he had attended the meeting of the Assembly and discharged the duties of his commission

Mr James E Morrison a licentiate under our care

being called on Stated & that he declined accepting the call from the Church of Concord Town presented to him at the last session of Presbytery

Inquiry being made for information respecting the case of the Revd Jonathan O Freeman a letter was handed to the presbytery by the Stated Clerk from Dr Freeman, which was read and considered; Whereupon Resolved that inasmuch as we have rec'd a communication from the Revd J. O. Freeman satisfying Presbytery that it was utterly impracticable for him to attend this meeting as required by our citation; the presbytery deem it proper to allow Mr Freeman the opportunity of applying for a dismission; and if he shall apply for such dismission before our next Stated session it shall be granted; and further process in his case shall stop; — But if he shall not so apply and continues to live without our limits Presbytery shall at its next Stated sessions proceed to definitive measures as in case of Contumacy

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward a copy of this minute to the Revd J O Freeman

The Revd S Fronties and A. Y Lockridge were appointed a committe to prepare an obituary notice of the Revd Thomas Espy Decd.

Adjourned to meet at the Revd Mr Fronties this evening at 4 o'clock — Concluded with prayr

The Revd S Fronties, 4 oclk Presbytery met according

to adjournment and constituted with prayer

A letter was read from the Revd Christopher Bradshaw assigning reasons for his absence from the present session of Presbytery Whereupon resolved that Mr Bradshaw be excused!

A communication was received from the Six mile Creek Church, praying to be detached from Concord Presbytery that they may be connected with the Presbytery of Bethel S.C. Therefore resolved that inasmuch as the Six mile Creek Church is in the State of S. C. and is properly a branch of the Waxhaw Church, which is in the Presbytery of Bethel and Synod of S. Car & Georgia; the same be set off from this Presbytery and recommended to the Pres. of Bethel with permission of the Gen Assembly

The committee appointed to install the Revd H N. Pharr as Pastor of Concord Church reported that they had attended to that duty

On Motion resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to forward a citation to the Revd P.S. Sparrow, to appear at our next Stated Session and answer for leaving his pastoral charge without permission of the Presbytery

A communication was received from the Revd Christopher Bradshaw informing Presbytery that at the request of certain Citizens of Macon County he had regularly organized a Presbyterian Church in said county to be known by the name of Franklin Church Whereupon resolved that said Church be taken under our care and installed on our minutes

The following resolution was offered to the Presbytery and after due deliberation was adopted viz
Whereas Presbytery deem it a matter of primary importance that the essential doctrines of the Gospel be clearly and fully discussed and illustrated by our Ministers; therefore resolved that it be a standing rule of this Pres. that a sermon on a particular doctrine, previously assigned, be preached at every Stated meeting of our Presbytery by one of its members and that the appointments be made to the members successively in order of seniority
In accordance with the foregoing rule, Resolved that the doctrine of original sin be assigned to the Revd James McKee D.D. for discussion at our next Stated Sessions; and in case Dr. McKee should not be present or should not through bodily infirmity preach on the above assigned doctrines, the Revd John Robinson DD is assigned to preach a sermon on the doctrine of the Holy Trinity
Adjourned to meet at Bethany Church tomorrow morning at ½ past 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Bethany Church Oct 3d 1833.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer. — present as on yesterday
The minutes of yesterday were read
The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last Gen Assembly reported certain items as claiming the attention of Presbytery which report was accepted
The Revd Robert H. Morrison appeared in Presbytery and

assigned reasons for absence on yesterday, which were sustained. Mr Andrew Allison a Ruling Elder from Fourth Creek appeared and took his seat as a member of Presbytery
On motion resolved that it be recommended to the churches under our care, that they observe the 1st Monday of Jany 1834 as a day of united fervent prayer for the Conversion of the world; as directed by the Gen Assembly
Resolved that a decision on the subject of called Synods be deferred until our next Stated Sessions
Mr John Knox a ruling Elder from the Church of Unity appeared and took his seat as a member of Presby

Mr Wm C. Rankin was introduced to the Presbytery as a member of the evangelical Lutheran Synod of Tennessee desiring to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord, Resolved that Mr Rankins case be the order of the day for this afternoon at half past 1 o'clock
The Revd Samuel Williamson & the Revd Daniel Lindley were appointed a committee to make out supplies for our vacant Churches
Mr Samuel Martin a ruling Elder of Unity Church Rowan appeared and took his seat as a member of Presbytery

Presbytery taking into consideration the importance of a careful and thorough examination of the Theological Students and Candidates for the Gospel Ministry under our care; and believing that such examination may be more accurately and profitably attended to by an assignment and division of the members of Presbytery

to the particular branches of Study on which the Students are to be examined; Resolved that a committee be appointed to divide the members of Presbytery into four examining Classes and also assign to each Class the branches of Study on which they shall Examine; The Revd Robt H Morrison & Revd Wm Lockridge were appointed on this Committee with direction to report to Presby during the present Session

Mr Thomas P. Johnston a licentiate under our care delivered a Sermon from the 15th verse of the 16th Chapt of the Gospel by St Mark. And he said unto them go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every Creature! ——— as a part of trial previous to ordination

Mr Rankins Case was taken up whereupon Resolved that Mr Wm C. Rankin be requested to make such Statements and present such papers to presbytery as he may think proper

After Presbytery had heard the applicant Mr Rankin through his Statements and certificates and testimonials he retired while the Presbytery considered his case

After deliberation Resolved that Presbytery cannot recognize Mr Wm C Rankin as an authorised minister of Christ;

Also Resolved that from the view this presbytery have of Mr Rankins case, they cannot receive him as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under their care

Resolved that Dr Robinson be directed to inform Mr Rankin of the decision of Presbytery in this case.

Mr Boyd Ruling Elder had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery

Mr John Knox Elder from Unity Church Lincoln made application from said Church that the pastoral relationship existing between it and the Revd P.J. Sparrow be dissolved; but in consequence of the absence of Mr Sparrow the request could not be granted at this session of Presby

The committee appointed to assign and divide the Members of Presbytery into Classes for the examination of Candidates under our care reported, which report was adopted and is as follows Viz:

1st Class consisting of Revd Drs McRee & Robinson Revd Stephen Frontis & Revd John Dillinman — to examine on the various branches of Christian Theology

2nd Class consisting of the Revd Messrs R H Morrison Wm Hall, C Bradshaw and Dr Gould to examine on Church History and Government,

3d Class consisting of Revd Messrs John Williamson W. S. Pharr, H A Pharr & D Lindley to examine on the Sciences

4 Class consisting of the Revds Messrs J Williamson P.J. Sparrow, J.L. Watson and A.W. Lockridge to examine on the Languages.

On motion resolved that the next stated session of Presbytery be held at Poplar Tent Church on the

1st wednesday of April 1834 to meet at 11 oclock A.M.
Mr James Daugherty a ruling Elder from Mallard Creek Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member

The Committee appointed to make out supplies for our vacant Churches reported the following which was adopted viz

~~that~~ the Dr McKee	supply	1	Sabbath at Discretion
" Dr Robinson	"	1	" " Fourth Creek
" John Williamson	"	1	" " Lincolnton
" R H Morrison	"	1	" " Bar Bank
" S. Fronts	"	1	" " Little Britain
" S Williamson		1	Discretion
" H N Pharr	"	1	" Sibean
" C Bradshaw		1	" Franklin Macon
" J. Pillimon		1	Danville
" P L. Walton		1	Washington
" Wm A Hall		1	Discretion
" P. J. Sparrow		1	Hebron
" A Y Lockridge		1	Duncans Creek
" D Lindly		1	Discretion

Licentiates

Mr I C Morrison	1	Olney
A. K. Barr	1	Long Creek

The Revd Mr Fronts paid to the Revd S Williamson Treasurer of the Education Society thirty dollars from Salem congregation

Dr Robinson reported that he had discharged the duty assigned him in the case of Mr Rankin

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Revd Mr Fronts this evening at 7 oclock. Concluded with prayer

The Revd Mr Fronts 7 oclk

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Mr Thomas P. Johnston a licentiate under our care was examined according to the direction in our form of Government and Discipline preparatory to his ordination which Examination together with his trial sermon was considered and sustained

Whereupon resolved that presbytery proceed to ordain Mr Thomas P. Johnston to the ~~sa~~ holy office of the Gospel ministry ~~as a~~ as an Evangelist intending to devote his life to the Heathen in preaching to them the Gospel of Salvation. and that his ordination shall take place on tomorrow at the close of the Morning sermon

The Revd Dr Robinson introduced to the Presbytery Mr James B. King a Graduate of the University of North Carolina and a member of the Presbyterian Church desiring to be taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry

Mr King having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good Moral Character; and of his being a regular member of Bethany Church; Presbytery proceeded to examine him respecting his experimental acquaintance with religion, and the motives which influenced him to desire the sacred office.

The examination of Mr King was considered and sustained and he was received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under our care,

Mr King was examined on his literary course in the Languages and Sciences which examination was sustained;

Adjourned to meet at Bethany Church to morrow morning at ½ past 8 Oclk

Concluded with prayer.

Bethany Church Oct 4. 1833

Presbytry met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer present as above except those absent with leave

The minutes of yesterday were read

The Committee on the Commissioners fund reported, which report was adopted and is as follows Viz

The Gen Assembly being the highest and most important judicatory of our church, and constituting as it does, the bond of union, correspondence, and mutual confidence among our people The Representation of our Presbyteries in its sessions, cannot but be regarded as essentially connected with the purity and growth of religion, and the preservation of order and discipline.

And that Presbyteries may send Commissioners with punctuality; it is necessary that provision should be made to bear their expenses.

It cannot be expected that either ministers or Elders can be found, to sustain the burden of expense

in travelling to Philadelphia, and laboring for the good of the Church without any compensation.

Neither is it more just or reasonable to expect that the Ministers of the gospel should exclusively raise the fund necessary;

And yet in the Concord Presbytery for years in succession, most of the ministers have from their own slender means, raised the necessary suppport of delegates to the Gen Assembly, rather than ask for aid from the Congregations

But as the Gen Assembly of 1833 has recommended to all the Ministers under their care to urge upon their people the necessity, equity, and importance of contributing to the Commissioners fund, and as it is manifestly in accordance with the Spirit of our form of Government and the claims of justice, that our congregation should yield their contributions in raising this fund;

Therefore resolved

1st That it be recommended to all our Churches to take up collections once a year for the Commissioners fund

2nd That it be recommended Specially to the respective Church Sessions, to attend to the collections, and forward the amount to the Treasurer of Presbytery at its Spring Sessions.

3 That the Sum judged sufficient by the Pastor to sustain one Minister and one Elder the representation to which we are now entitled in their expenses to the Gen Assembly, be one hundred dollars

4th Resolved that should more than the sum necessary be raised for any given year, the surplus be retained by the Treasurer of Presby as belonging exclusively to this fund, that our people may be fully assured that their contributions will be faithfully applied to the objects for which they are solicited.

5 Resolved, that it be recommended to the ministers belonging to this Presbytery to lay this subject before their peoples.....

Money was paid into the contingent fund as follows

The Revd Dr Robinson	$1	Fourth Creek church	$1 Cts
R H Morrison	1	Mr James Adams	0-50
A Y Lockridge	1	Mr G E Kundhardt	0. 50
D Lindly	1	Mr John Knox	0 50
D Caldwell	1	Mr Andrew Hoyle	1 00
Mr N Phares	1	Mr Amos Sharp	1
John Silliman	1		$4 50
Wm A Hall	1		
I. Williamson	1		
I Fronts	1		
I Williamson	1		
	$11		

Making in all fifteen dollars & 50 Cts

The Committee appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the Revd Thomas Espy D.D. reported and their report was adopted & is as follows viz

God in his wise though mysterious Providence, having removed from us, another of our young brethren,

The Revd Thomas Espy, who was called to his rest on the 17th of April 1833 — the Presbytery feel that in the death of this amiable and zealous brother, they and the Church have sustained no common loss.

Though our departed brother was permitted to labour but a few years with us, yet he had peculiarly endeared himself to many of his brethren in the Ministry, and to the people among whom he labored, who greatly lament his removal from this world, and cherish the most affectionate remembrance of him. During his long illness he manifested the utmost acquiescence in the divine will: death to him was a subject perfectly familiar; about which he conversed with the utmost calmness, and it may truly be said that the last end of our brother was peace.

The Presbytery sympathize with his bereaved family and feel that they are loudly admonished by the death of their departed brother, to work while it is called to day, and to be faithful unto death that they may receive a crown of life.

Mr A Hoyle had leave of absence from the remaining session of the Presbytery

Ordered. that our Treasurer pay over to the Stated Clerk of Synod the amount due to him from this Presbytery, and to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery the amount of expense incurred in his office

A request was presented to Presbytery from Mr Jesse D. Hall to licentiate under our care to be

dismissed from this Presbytery, that he may put himself under the care of the Orange Presbytery in the bounds of which his new labors Resolved that the request of Mr Hall be granted, and that the Stated Clerk furnish to Mr Hall a regular dismission from this Presbytery as a Licentiate in good standing to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Education Society of this Presbytery forward the funds in his hands, to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board of Education

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on missions pay over the funds in his hands to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board of Missions.

Ordered that our Stated Clerk prepare and forward a report from this Presbytery to Synod according to the directions of the last Gen Assembly

The time having arrived which was fixed on for the ordination of Mr Thomas P. Johnson a Licentiate under our care, the Pby was called for the first time in its history to engage in the sacred and most interesting duty of investing with the holy office of the Gospel ministry a much loved young Brother destined as an ambassador for Christ to foreign heathen Lands!

According to previous appointment the Revd P. Fronts preached the ordination sermon

from the 8 verse of the 3d Epistle of John, latter clause of the verse. "that we might be fellow helpers to the truth"

The Revd Dr Robinson previously appointed to preside and give the charge recited the proceedings of Presbytery preparatory to Mr Johnston's ordination and having pointed out the nature and importance of the ordinance proposed to the Candidate the questions required by our form of government, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr Johnston kneeled down and was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to the Apostolick example solemnly ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry.

An appropriate and impressive charge was then addressed to the newly ordained brother by Dr Robinson the presiding member. After which Mr Johnston was by fervent prayer commended to God and the word of his grace, while hearing the overtures of life and salvation to the heathen

Mr James E Morrison was allowed to retain the Call from Bethany Church which was put into his hands at a previous session Six months longer

Mr Hall & Silliman had leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery

The Revd N. H. Morrison introduced to Presbytery, Dr Jay Wilson, desiring to be taken under our care as a candidate for the gospel ministry

Dr Wilson having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good moral Character, and of his being a regular member of Rocky River Church and also of his having graduated at the University of N Car, Presbytery proceeded to

examine him respecting his experimental ac-
quaintance with religion and the motives which
influenced him to desire the Sacred office
which examination was sustained
Whereupon resolved that Mr Wilson be received as
a candidate under our care
As parts of trial were assigned to Mr Wilson
a Sermon on the 28 verse of the 26 Chapt of Acts
a Lecture on the 15th Psalm
a critical exercise on the first 6 verses of the
6th Chapt of the Hebrews
an Exegesis on the theme Quomodo fit mors Christi
propitiatio?
And to prepare for examination on Theology and
Church History
The Committee appointed at our last Stated Session
to examine Mr Irwin one of our Beneficiaries
reported that they had attended to that duty
and that the examination was deemed Satis-
factory, and they recommend that Mr Irwin
be continued as a beneficiary under our care

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Poplar-Tent
Church on the first wednesday of April
next at 11 Oclk A.M.
Concluded with prayer
Signed
Wm L Hall Clk protem

Poplar Tent Church April 2nd 1834

The presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and in absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by the Revd William A Hall from the 22nd verse of the 48th Chapt. Isaiah and constituted with prayer present

The Revd James McRee D.D. John Robinson D.D. John Williamson, Walter L Pharr, Robt H. Morrison Samuel Williamson. Christopher Bradshaw, Saml L Watson, William A Hall, & Andrew Y Lockridge

With Elders Mr Lawson Torrence Joseph Young William Flinn, Robt Query, James Gimmison Ans Alexander Wm W Ross, John Phifer C E Reindhart Joseph B. Thomas & William King

Absent Revd Daniel Gould, I A Freeman, Stephen Frontis, Henry A Pharr, John Silliman & Patrick J Sparrow & Daniel Lindley & Thomas P Johnston

The Revd Samuel L Watson was chosen Moderator & Andrew Y Lockridge Clerk

The minutes of the last meeting were read and the Revd Walter L Pharr and Christopher Bradshaw rendered satisfactory reasons for absence at the last meeting of Presbytery and Mr Bradshaw for the preceding meeting; also Revd Saml L Watson rendered satisfactory reasons for absence at the last meeting.

The Revd John, McCutchan a member of the Presbytery of Orange being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

J. M. Erwin Recd

The Revd John M. Erwin a member of Harmony Presbytery N.C. produced a regular dismission from said Presbytery to connect himself with this Presbytery Whereupon Resolved that Mr Erwin be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery.

A letter was received from the Revd Henry A Pharr assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present session of presbytery.

A Communication was received from the Revd Daniel Gould assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions

A communication was read from the Revd Daniel Lindley, assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present session

A communication was read and read from the Revd Jonathan P. Freeman asking a dismission from this presbytery to connect himself with the presbytery of Orange Whereupon Resolved that the Revd J P Freeman be dismissed as a member in good standing and affectionately recommended to the presby of Orange

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward a dismission to Mr Freeman

The question sent down from the Gen Assembly respecting the lawfulness of of called Synods was taken up and considered, whereupon Resolved that the question be answered in the negative and that the Stated Clerk be ordered to forward this decision to the state Clerk of the General Assembly

A petition was recieved from certain individuals of Salem Congregation desiring to have a church regularly organized, Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted and the Revd Henry R. Pharr was appointed to organize said Church if practicable.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclk
Concluded with prayer

Thursday morning 9 oclk

Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer present as above

The minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Samuel L Watson has leave of absence from the present session after to day

The Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Missions reported which report was accepted and is as follows Viz

Their since last report		
From Steel Creek	$ 8.00	
From Revd W.L. Pharr	10.00	
From Back Creek	10.00	Total $28

Expended, paid to Dr McRee through the Revd Walter L Pharr $30. also paid to Dr McRee through Thomas G Neal $30

Sent to Solomon Allen Esqr Treasurer of the Gen Assembly's Board $100.

The whole paid out - $160.

Resolved that the Revd John Williamson & Charles E Reinhardt Esqr be appointed a committee to examine the account of the Treasurer and report thereon to Presbytery as soon as convenient

Presbytery proceeded to elect commissioners to the next Gen Assembly and the Revd Daniel Lindly and Mr Robert Brown Elder were chosen to represent this presbytery in the next Gen Assembly

And the States Clerk was directed to forward a commission for Mr Lindly to Dr Ely and to forward a commission to Mr Brown to Salisbury

The Revd Abner J Leavenworth a member of the Hartford North consociation of Connecticut being present was invited to act as a corresponding member

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Missions reported that they find the accounts correct, which report was accepted.

The Revd Saml L Watson the treasurer of the Executive committee on Missions resigned the office of Treasurer of said committee and the Revd William A Hall was chosen treasurer of the said Committee

The Revd Patrick J Sparrow appeared and rendered satisfactory reasons for absence on yesterday

Mr Thomas L Cowan a ruling Elder from Salisbury and Mr Flemming a ruling Elder from Bethpage appeared and took their seats as members

The Revd Abner J Leavenworth, a member of the Hartford North Consociation of Connecticut, requested to be received as a member of this Presbytery and having produced satisfactory testimonials of his ordination and good standing as a minister of the Gospel; and Mr

Leavenworth having answered the questions proposed to him in accordance with our form of government and the rules laid down by our Gen Assembly in such cases, satisfactorily to the presbytery Whereupon
Resolved that the Revd Abner J. Leavenworth be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery and that his name be enrolled on our minutes
A call was presented from the Church in Charlotte for the ministerial labors of the Revd A. J. Leavenworth Whereupon resolved that said call be put into the hands of Mr Leavenworth for his consideration
Mr Leavenworth having expressed a willingness to accept the call from the Church in Charlotte
Ordered that his installation as pastor of that Church take place on the 2nd of May; that the Revd Robt H Morrison preach the installation Sermon & the Revd John Robinson D.D. Preside and give the Charges

The Revd John Lillimon appeared in presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for absence on yesterday
Mr Robt Potts a ruling Elder from Bethel Church appeared in presbytery and took his seat as a member
The Revd Robt H. Morrison & William A Hall were appointed a committee to examine Church Session books and report thereon to Presbytery
Resolved that a pre communion on the state of religion be held at 2 o'clock to day and that the Revd John Williamson and Abner J Leavenworth be a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds to the next Gen Assembly

Mr Robt Russel a ruling Elder from Union Church appeared in presbytery and took his seat as a member
The case of the Revd T. L. Sparrow was taken up and after hearing certain explanations from Mr Sparrow his reasons for leaving his pastoral charge without leave of Presbytery were sustained as satisfactory
A letter was received and read from the Church of Unity Lincoln desiring the pastoral connection of the Revd T. L. Sparrow with that Church to be dissolved and Mr Sparrow having given his consent the said connection was dissolved, and the Church of Unity declared vacant
The pastoral connection of the Revd T. L. Sparrow with Emanuel Church Lincolnton was also with the consent of the parties dissolved and said Church declared vacant
A petition was received from certain individuals in Iredell County praying permission to have a Church between Bethany Fourth Creek and Third Creek, and the presbytery wishing further information deferred a decision on the petition until next session of presbytery
A request was received from certain individuals in Rutherfordton to have a church organized in that village which request was granted and the Revd John Pillimon was directed to attend at Rutherfordton and organize a church
Mr George Wilson a ruling Elder from Philadelphia appeared in presbytery and took his seat as a member
Messrs Clarence and Gimmerson had leave of absence
The Revd J Williamson & T. L. Sparrow were appointed a committee of Supplies
The hour having arrived for the pre communion

on the State of religion Presbytery had a recess
to 7 oclock this evening. 7 oclock P.M.
Mr Sumner Ruling Elder from Charlotte has leave
of absence
A petition was received from certain individuals
in Buncombe County asking permission to petition
Synod for for a separation from this presbytery that
they might be thrown into the bounds of the Synod
of Tennessee and after some discussion it was resolved
that the subject be indefinitely postponed
Mr John M Wilson one of our candidates for the ministry
was examined on Theology as far as the 21st Chapt
of the Confession of Faith as a part of trial and
his examination was sustained
The committee on supplies made the following report
which was adopted viz

James McPheeters D.D.	1	Sabbath	at Discretion
John Robinson D.D.	1	Sabbath	at Rocky River
John Williamson	1	Sabbath	at Centre
Walter L Pharr	1	Sabbath	at Prospect
Robt H. Morrison	1		at Rutherfordton
Stephen Frontis	1		at Wyatteville
Saml Williamson	1		at Philadelphia
H A Pharr	1		at Drusilla
C. Bradshaw	1		at Franklin
J. Pellinman	1		at Rutherfordton
J. Watson	1		at Centre
Wm A Hall	1		at Siloam
P. S. Sparrow	1		at Discretion
A. J. Lockridge	1		at Discretion
J. M. Erwin	1		at Union
A. J. Learmonth	1		at Rocky River

Mr James E Morrison 1 Sabbath at Rocky River
Mr Thomas L Bain 1 at Discretion
~~Adjourned to meet at~~ 9 oclock to morrow morning
Concluded with prayer

Mr Alexander A Hall was introduced to Presbytery by
Dr Robinson as wishing to put himself under our
care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry
whereupon resolved that his application be considered
& upon examination it was found that this applica-
tion demanded an investigation of certain charges
which had previously been placed upon our minutes
Therefore Resolved that Mr Hall be requested to present
to this Presbytery at its next stated Session all the
testimony that he may think proper and that
Presbytery issue citations for whatever witnesses he
may desire to have brought forward

Adjourned to meet at 9 oclock tomorrow morning
Concluded with prayer

Friday morning 9 oclock Presbytery met according to
adjournment and Constituted with prayer present as
on yesterday, and the minutes of yesterday were read
Mr Gray Wilson Ruling Elder from Philadelphia has leave
of absence
On motion Resolved that the Revd Abner J. Learmonth
be appointed a member of the examining Committee of
Beneficiaries, in place of Mr Sindle resigned
The committee appointed to examine the records of
Church Sessions, reported that they had examined
the records of Concord and Emmanuel Churches
and find them correctly kept and recommend

that they be approved, and that no other records have been put into their hands & this report was adopted
The Revs Messrs Bradshaw and Tillinghast & Messrs Russel Potts, and Reinhardt had leave of absence
The Committee appointed to take notes and prepare a narrative on the state of religion for the next Gen Assembly, reported, and their report was accepted and adopted and the State Clerk directed to forward it to Rev Mr James E Morrison a Licentiate under our care declined accepting the Call from Bethpage which had been given him for consideration a year ago
The Rev Daniel Lindley requested by letter that his Pastoral connexion with the Church of Rocky River be dissolved; and the representative from Rocky River Congregation being called on to state whether the Consent of the Congregation had been obtained? Answered that it had. whereupon resolved that the Pastoral connexion between the Rev Daniel Lindley and Rocky-River Church, be and it hereby is dissolved, and that Church vacant

The Executive Committee on missions reported and after some deliberation on the moral desolation within our Bounds, Presbytery unanimously resolved, that the Ministers belonging to this Presbytery with the Divine permission, and with the consent of their Churches spend each one month in missionary labors in the destitute regions within our bounds during the present year
That the members might know who they would be expected to labor the following assignments were

Made viz. Revs D.r McRee & Robinson with Mr Isaacs Leavenworth to labor in Buncombe County, John Williams and Walter L Pharr in Burke County, Robt Hillman and J Tillinghast in Rutherford County & Lincoln Samuel Williamson and Samuel L Watson in Iredell County Henry N Pharr & Patrick J Sparrow to Wilkes county William A Hall and Stephen Frontis to Haywood. John M Erwin and James E Morrison to Surry County and Andrew Y Lockridge & J J McCulloch to Wilkes

Resolved that the above resolution be published in several papers
Mr Phifer Lindsay Elder from Rocky River had leave of absence
Ordered that the Stated Clerk make out a report on the Education of pious young men and forward it to the Corresponding Sec. of the E. S. of the Gen Assembly
The Rev J. Williamson the Treasurer of Presbytery reports that he had Rec'd the following sums for the Commissioners fund viz from Providence Church $7.30, from Fourth Creek six dollars, from Unity & Joppa $5.80 from Salisbury $5. from Sugar Creek $8. from Back Creek and Third Creek $4.50 from Mr Flemming $1. Rev J McErwin $2. from Mallard Creek $3. from Prospect $3. from Centre $3 from Poplar Tents $7.93 Rev Mr L Pharr $3 from Charlotte $4. from Rocky River $8. Rev J Tillinghast $3 Rev S L Watson $5. Rev J Williamson $5 Rev C Bradshaw 50 cts from Bethany Church $3 making in all $88. 3 cts

The Treasurer was directed to pay to Mr Brown one of our Commissioners elected provided Mr Brown will consent to attend the next Gen Assembly fifty dollars, and retain the balance until Mr Lindley return as he is now at the North

On motion resolved that the next Stated sessions of Presbytery be held at Bethel Church, on the 1st Wednesday in Sept 1834

The following subjects were assigned Mr John M Wilson one of our Candidates as parts of trial preparatory to his licensure

A Latin Exegesis on the thesis, An Sit Christus, Deo Patri aequalis?

Critical exercise on Rom 1st Chapt. 16. 17. 18 verses

Popular Lecture on the 46 Psalm Sermon on 1st Tim 1st 15 and to prepare for examination on the Liturgy from the 22 Chapt of the Confession of Faith to the End and on Church History

Adjourned to meet at Bethel Church
on the first wednesday in Sept 1834
at 11 oclock

A J Lockridge Clk for term

This for examined

J. M.

At the Church Sept 3d 1834

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Rev Samuel L Watson, the Moderator from the 20 verse of the 5 Chapt of the 2nd Epistle to the Cor, and constituted by prayer,

Ministers present	Elders
Rev John Robinson DD	John Johnston
" John Williamson	William Flenn
" Walter L Pharr	Rankin Alexander
" John M. Erwin	Elam Templeton
" Robert H. Morrison	Amos Alexander
" Samuel Williamson	William Ross
" Stephen Frontis	James H Hall
" Henry N Pharr	William B Wood
" Samuel L Watson	Philemon Morris
" Andrew J. Lockridge	John McCullah
" Daniel Lindley	John Morrison
	Hezekiah Boyd
	Judge Forman

Absent the Revd James McKee D.D. John Gillimon Christopher Beardshaw. Wm A Hall. Patrick I Sparrow Abner L Leavenworth and Thomas P. Johnston

The Revd Daniel Lindley was Chosen Moderator and the Revd Andrew J Lockridge Clerk.

The minutes of the last Stated sessions were read, and the Revd Stephen Frontis rendered satisfactory reason for his absence from said session

The Revd Henry S. Pharr appointed at our last meeting to organize a church in Iredell County, reported that he had complied with the direction of Presbytery, and that in Salem Congregation a church was organized to be known on our minutes as Salem Church.

The Revd Daniel Lindley our Commissioner to the last General Assembly reported that he had attended to the duties assigned him and his report was accepted.

On motion resolved that a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds be held on tomorrow at 2 oclock P. M.

The Revd Dr Robinson, appointed at our last, to preach a sermon on a particular doctrine assigned, at the present sessions of presbytery, at his own request had the appointment continued until our next Stated meeting.

A call was presented from the church in Concord town for two thirds of the ministerial labors of the Revd John M Erwin, which Call was put into the hands of Mr Erwin for his consideration.

Ordered that the Treasurer of Presbytery, pay over to the Revd Daniel Lindley fifty dollars for his attendance at the last General Assembly.

The committee appointed to install, the Revd Amos J Lowrance, pastor of the Church in Charlotte, reported that the resolution of presbytery had been complied with at the time appointed.

A letter was read by the Stated Clerk from the Stated Clerk of our Synod requesting a copy of our minutes, of the present and future sessions of Presbytery; Whereupon resolved that our Stated Clerk be authorized to furnish copies of our minutes to the Revd Nelson McLean.

On motion resolved that the case of Mr Alexander A Hall be the order of the day for friday morning at 9 oclock.

The Revd Samuel S Watson & Walter L Shaw & Mr Amos Alexander

were appointed a committee to examine the books of Sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the house of William L Davidson Esqr at 7 oclock this evening— Concluded with Prayr.

At the house of Mr Davidson 7 oclock P. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayr present as above except those absent with leave.

Messrs Alexander E Wilson John M. M. Caldwell & John M Wilson Candidates for the ministry under our care being present, presbytery proceeded to their examination and to hear the parts of trial assigned them. Mr Alexander E Wilson was examined on natural and revealed Theology, and on Church history Mr John M M Caldwell was examined on Theology from the 10th Chapter of the Confession of Faith to the end, and Mr John M Wilson was examined on Theology and the two first Centuries of Church History. Presbytery adjourned to meet here to morrow morning at 7 oclock. Concluded with prayr.

Mr Davidsons, Thursday morning 7 oclock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted by prayr. and proceeded with the examination of Mr Alexander E Wilson and John M. M Caldwell on Church History through the 5th Century. Adjourned to meet at Bethel Church at 9 oclock. Concluded with prayr.

Bethel Church Sept 4. 9 oclock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayr. present as above and the Minutes of yesterday were read.

The Revd William A Hall appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for his absence on yesterday.

Messrs William B. Wood Philemon Morris. and John Graham Ruling Elders appeared and took their seats as members of Presbytery.

A. M. Barr

A Call was presented from the Church of Philadelphia for two thirds of the ministerial labors of Mr Absalom A. Barr a licentiate under our care; which Call was by order of Presbytery put into the hands of Mr Barr for Consideration. A letter was received from Mr John Carson a ruling Elder in Little Brittain Church, asking supplies for said Church.

The following preamble and resolution were offered to the Presbytery Viz. Whereas a paper styled "an act and testimony" signed by sundry Ministers and Elders in the minority of the last General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, has been addressed to the ministers, elders and private members of the Presbyterian Church, containing matter highly important relating to the purity and peace of our Church,

Therefore resolved that Presbytery now take into consideration the said paper. The act and testimony was then read, and after due deliberation, unanimously adopted by Presbytery as their act and testimony.

Resolved that the stated Clerk be directed to forward a copy of the above minute to the Editor of the Presbyterian for publication.

Mr John McCaleb a ruling Elder from Hyatteu appeared and took his seat as a member.

The committee appointed to organize a Church in Rutherfordton reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them and the Church was regularly organized, whereupon ordered that Rutherfordton Church be enrolled in the list of our Churches. William L Davidson Esq (Ruling) Elder of Bethel Church appeared and took his seat as a member.

Presbytery proceed to hear the trial sermon, previous to licensure, of Mr Alexander E Wilson, who preached from the text assigned

him at a former meeting, after which Presbytery had a recess till 1 Oclock P.M.

One Oclock P.M. Presbytery proceeded to business, and heard the trial sermon of Mr John M. McCaldwell previous to his licensure, Mr Caldwell preached from the text previously assigned him.

Mr John Johnston Ruling Elder had leave of absence

The hour having arrived Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day by a free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds, and to hear the reports of the ministers who have spent one month each in missionary labors during the past summer, and after hearing the reports, the following minute was adopted Viz. In compliance with the resolution of Presbytery, at its last stated sessions, for each minister to spend one month in missionary labors in those Counties most destitute of the ministrations of the Gospel; it was found that most of our members had faithfully discharged the duties assigned them, and that the Counties of Anson, Burk, Rutherford, Buncomb, Haywood & Wilks, had been visited, the gospel preached in most of their bounds, and its ordinances administered. With feelings of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church Presbytery would record his special mercy in giving success to the truth of his own word. The ministers were uniformly received with kindness, their message heard with attention, and solemnity, and in many instances with deep and we trust, permanent impression; Several new churches were organized, many of the people of God awakened to more earnest and prayerful anxiety in behalf of the destitute around them, and a goodly number we hope converted to God. From all quarters the cry for help has pierced the ears and affected the hearts of Gods Servants,

Never perhaps was the need of enlightened, faithful and efficient Laborers, within our borders more sensibly felt than at the present moment. Extensive and promising fields in every direction call loudly for the immediate labors of the ambassadors of Christ. The fact, that but few are found ready to be sent among the destitute thousands around us, should awaken new interest and prompt to more determined efforts, among all who love the prosperity of Zion, and are willing to work for the Glory of God.

The Presbytry then united in prayer and thanksgiving to God for his goadness and mercy

Judge Forman had leave of absence. The Revd William A Hall reported to presbytry that he had organized a church in Haywood County to be known by the name of Ebenezer Church. which was received under the care of Presbytry. and its name directed to be recorded in the list of our Churches.

Mr McCullah Ruling elder had leave of absence, and presbytry had a recess until early candle lighting this evening

After recess presbytry again proceeded to business.

The Revd Stephen Frontis & John M Erwin were appointed a committee to prepare an obituary notice of the Revd Daniel Gould Decd and the Revd Samuel Williamson & A. G. Lockridge were appointed a committee of supplies.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr James B. King a Candidate under our care as parts of trial. Viz for a Latin Exegesis, "An sit poena malorum eterna?" The 1st Chapt of the Epistle to the Hebrews for a critical exercise, the 1st verse of the 6 Chapt of the Epistle to the Romans for a popular sermon, and the 25th Chapt of Matt from the 1st to the 14th verse inclusive for a popular lecture.

Mr Abralom R. Barr a licentiate under our care accepted the call from the Church of Philadelphia, whereupon resolved

that presbytry meet at Philadelphia Church on the 1st Wednesday of Nov next. for the ordination of Mr Barr and to install him pastor of Philadelphia congregation.

Mr Barr was directed to prepare a sermon on the 36 verse of the 8 Chapt of the Gospel by John as a part of trial previous to his ordination and to prepare for examination as our Form of Government requires.

The Revd Samuel Williamson was appointed to preach the ordination sermon & the Revd Abner I Leavenworth his alternate & the Revd Samuel L Watson to preside and give the Charge, & the Revd Robt H Morrison his alternate.

The examination of Messrs Alex E Wilson and John M. M Caldwell on Church history was concluded, and Mr Caldwell read a Latin Exegesis on the question previously assigned him, Mr Wilson also read a Latin exegesis and a critical exercise on the subjects previously assigned him.

The committee appointed to examine the Book of sessions reported that but two were put into their hands viz the session Book of Unity Church Lincoln and of Bethel Church. these they found correctly kept and recommend that they be approved, which report was adopted and the committee discharged

Presbytry adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Friday Morning 8 oclock presbytry met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. and the minutes of yesterday were read.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of the Revd Daniel Gould reported the following which was adopted viz Whereas it has pleased the great Lord of the vineyard to remove from our numbers another Brother, the Revd Daniel Gould who departed this life on the 29th of April 1834

in the 45 year of his age; therefore Resolved that Presbytery cherish a lively and affectionate remembrance of their departed Brother; who by his unabated zeal even to the end of life, in sustaining the various benevolent institutions of the age; and especially by his widely extended and indefatigable labors in the Bible cause, was the instrument, in the hand of God, of effecting so much good in our State and particularly within our bounds — and that we feel admonished by his zeal, and early removal from this world, as well as by the death of several of our brethren within a few years, "to work while it is day, and "whatsoever our hand find to do, to do it, with our might,"

Mr John M. M. Caldwell read a popular lecture on the subject previously assigned him. and Mr Alexander E Wilson also read a lecture on a previously assigned subject.

Mr Morrison Ruling Elder had leave of absence

The examinations of the candidates under our care together with the trial pieces which they had delivered, were considered and sustained as satisfactory, part of trial previous to licensure.

Resolved that the spring Session of Presbytery be held at Pisgah Church to commence on the 2nd Wednesday in March 1835

The following resolutions in behalf of the Southern enterprise of the A. S. S. Union were introduced, and unanimously adopted by Whereas in the opinion of Presbytery, Sabbath Schools are a powerful mean in promoting the cause of morals and religion and are destined under God to be instrumental in the conversion of the world; Therefore resolved, that this Presbytery, with great pleasure hear, that the resolution of the A. S. S. Union, to establish Sabbath Schools in the Southern States, has thus far been prosecuted with so much success,

Resolved that this Presbytery esteem it their duty and privilege to aid the American Sunday School Union in the labor of

love, and recommend to the churches under their care to assist in this enterprise, by their prayers, cooperation and contributions.

Presbytery was called to the order of the day viz to consider the case of Mr Alexander A Hall, and after the evidence in the case was heard the Revd Messrs Walton, & W. S. Pharr with Wm L Davidson Esqr elder were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the case.

The presbytery had a recess until 2 oclock P.M.

2 oclock, P.M. Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator Messrs Wood, Moreland, Ross, Flinn, & Boyd ruling elders had leave of absence after this evening.

The committee of supplies to vacant churches reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz. Ordered that Dr McAden supply 1 sabbath at discretion. Dr Robinson 1 at discretion, J Williamson 1 at discretion, Walter S Pharr 1 at Centre R H Morrison 1 at discretion J Williamson 1 at discretion S Frontis 1 at Pisgah H. N. Pharr 1 at Little Britain & Bradshaw 1 at discretion. S. L Walton 1 at discretion Wm A Hall 1 at J Franklin P. L Sparrow 1 at discretion A G Lockridge 1 at dis- J M Erwin 1 at dis— & A. J. Leavenworth 1 at discretion.

The petition of sundry individuals of Iredel County, presented at our last meeting and deferred to the present, praying that Presbytery would appoint some Bishop to attend and organize a Church in their neighborhood to be called new union, was taken up; Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Revd S Frontis be directed to attend and if practicable, organize a church in compliance with the said petition

Mr Abner Speck a member of Centre Church, who was by the judgment of Presbytery, subjected to a rebuke in the case in which he

was accuser against the Revd Thomas Ely since Deceased, enquired of Presbytry whether the censure was still to be inflicted; Whereupon resolved that inasmuch as the sentence of presbytry cannot be carried into effect on both parties, the one having been removed by death, that the sentence on the other be passed over.

A request being Made to presbytry for the ordination of Mr James E Morrison. It was on motion resolved that inasmuch as a call was presented to him at the last meeting of Presbytry, which however he did not feel prepared to accept, the Presbytry feel justified in Consequence of said Call to grant ordination to Mr J E Morrison Therefore Resolved that the ordination of Mr Morrison be at Rocky River Church on the 19th day of Sept Instt, that the Revd Robt H Morrison preach the ordination Sermon, and the Revd Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge. Ordered that Mr James E Morrison prepare a sermon on the 8 verse of the 18th Chapt of John as a part of trial previous to ordination and for examination as required by our form of Government

Ordered that our Stated Clerk forward a report from this presbytry to the Synod of N.C. at its next Sessions.

Messrs Alexander E Wilson and John M M Caldwell having passed through all the parts of trial assigned them by Presbytry and required by the Confession of Faith previous to their licensure and their trials all having been satisfactory to Presbytry — Presbytry proceeded to license them according to the direction given in our form of Government Viz at Bethel Church the 5th day of Sept 1834 the presbytry of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Alexander E Wilson M.D. and Mr John M M Caldwell, of their having gone through a regular course of literature, of their good moral Character and of their being in communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual part of trial for their licensure, and having given

satisfaction as to their accomplishment in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to their proficiency in divinity and other Studies; the presbytry did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial, and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the presbytry did and hereby do license them the said Alexander E Wilson M.D. and John M M Caldwell to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry within the bounds of this presbytry or wherever else they shall be orderly called

Dr Alex E Wilson having made known to presbytry his intention of spending his life as a missionary in foreign lands and his expectation of sailing early in the Coming winter for the S E Coast of Africa and his wish to be ordained as an evangelist before leaving his native presbytry, It was resolved that his ordination take place at Rocky River Church on the 19th day of Sept the present month, that the Revd R H Morrison preach the ordination sermon and Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge,

Ordered that Dr Wilson prepare a sermon on the 20 verse of the 28 Chapt Matt as a part of trial previous to his ordination and for examination as required by our form of Government

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the case of Mr Alexander A Hall, reported and their report was adopted and is as follows Viz that in the opinion of the presbytry there was an agreement made between Mr Alexander A Hall and Mr Alvin York relative to the reception of York's child or children into a school about to be taught by A A Hall. 2d That Alexander A Hall either from the want

of authority, or considering the agreement not obligatory did not comply with that contract or agreement
3 That owing to the absence of Mr A Hall when the testimony was taking in the case in which he was implicated, and the persons being deceased who might at this time have thrown light on the subject, he has not cleared up the difficulties in his case to the satisfaction of this presbytery.
4 That notwithstanding in view of all the circumstances connected with the case, the presbytery does not believe that A A Hall did really intend to violate a positive agreement between himself and Abner York

Adjourned to meet at Rocky River church on the 19th Inst at 11 oclock A M
Concluded with prayr

S Williamson Stated Clerk

Rocky River Church Sept 19th 1834

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer
Present the Revd John Robinson D.D. Walter L Pharr Robt H. Morrison and Daniel Lindly
The Revd Dr Robinson was called to preside and R H. Morrison was appointed Clerk
The object for which this meeting was appointed being the ordination of Alexander E Wilson M.D. and Mr James E Morrison Licentiates under the care of Presbytery, and they being present, Presbytery proceeded to hear their trial exercises Mr James E Morrison preached a Sermon from the 8th verse of the 17th Chapt of Johns Gospel (and this is life eternal &c),
Dr Alexander E Wilson preached a Sermon from the 20th verse of the 28 Chapt of Mat (and lo I am with you &c),
Dr Wilson and Mr Morrison were then examined on church history and the various branches of Christian Theology and their trials were considered and sustained
Whereupon Resolved that presbytery now proceed to ordain these young brethren and invest them with the office of the ministry
The Revd R H. Morrison appointed for that purpose preached the ordination Sermon from the 17th verse of the 4th Chapt of the Epist to the Col "Take heed to the ministry &c
The Revd Dr. Robinson the presiding Minister, then recited the proceedings of Presbytery preparatory to the ordination of the candidates, and having proposed to them the questions appointed in our Form of Government to be put to candidates for ordination and they having answered the said questions in the affirmative, they viz Alexander E Wilson and

James E Morrison having kneeled down in presence of the congregation, were by prayer and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery according to the Apostolic example, solemnly [illegible] ordained to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry.

Dr Robinson then delivered a solemn and appropriate charge to the newly ordained Bishop and by prayer commended them to the grace and holy keeping of the Great Shepherd of Israel

Dr Wilson having devoted himself to the work of a foreign Missionary and having been appointed by the American Board of Com[illegible] for Mission to South Eastern Africa, was ordained as an Evangelist, preparatory to that great and good work — and bear with him the prayers and affectionate regard of the Presbytery

Mr Morrison having had a call from the Congregation of Bethpage which he did not think expedient to accept, but Presbytery having reason to believe that his ministrations were desired by that Congregation with the promise of usefulness, proceeded to ordain him as an Evangelist.

Adjourned to meet at Philadelphia Church on the 5th day day of Nov 1834

Concluded with prayer

R H Morrison Clerk pro tem

E. E. Morrison & Wilson ord

Philadelphia Church Nov 6th 1834

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer, present Revd R. H. Morrison Samuel Williamson & Samuel L Watson. the Revd S. L. Watson was called to preside and R H Morrison was appointed Clerk. Presbytery then proceeded to examine Mr Abraham K Barr a licentiate under our care as required in our Form of Government preparatory to his ordination, on Theology, Church history and Church Government &c.

Mr Barr preached a sermon from the 8th verse of the 3d Chapt of the Gospel by John, "He that believeth &c,"

The examination and sermon of Mr Barr were then severally considered and sustained

The congregation of Philadelphia having presented a call to Mr Barr and he having accepted the same Presbytery felt regularly called to proceed to his ordination But having deliberately and solemnly considered the State of Philadelphia Congregation and Mr Barr's relation to them, Presbytery resolved that it was not expedient to install him Pastor of said Congregation.

In this decision Mr Barr very cheerfully concurred

The Revd Samuel Williamson previously appointed for that purpose preached the ordination Sermon from the 19 verse of the 5th Chapt of 2nd Cor, "And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation,"

The Revd Samuel L Watson the presiding Minister then recited the proceedings of Presbytery preparatory to the ordination of the candidate after which he propos'd to Mr Barr the questions required by our Form of Government to be put to candidates for ordination

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to Mr Barr the questions required by our Form of
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Moorsville N.C.
May 9, 1842

Dear Bro,
Your note of inquiry concerning Rev'd E. E Morrison Rec'd 1884
A few years ago the General Catalogue of the Officers & Alumni of the T. Seminary was made out by Rev Bro Smith. He wrote to me to get the dates of Licensure &c, of those who had graduated at the T. Seminary & had been connected with Concord Pres.
I spent days on the old Records. & got all the dates I could find

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Adjourned
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J. E. Morrison & Wife sent

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Elijah Morrison I find
the following - He was
born in Cabarrus Co.
Sept. 5. 1805 - received his
academic education under
Rev John Mc Kinnis Wilson.
- was a Student at the
University of N.C. Supposed
he graduated - don't know
what year - He was graduated
at the D. Seminary in 1828 -
Licensed by Concord Presbytery April 1832 - Ordained
Sept 19th 1834. sine titulo - as Evl
S. S. Bethpage - called but
declined the call.

3d Aug 1853. Rev. Nathl Wilson died
Concord.

Calls read from Concord
& Bethpage each for
one half this time.
& was installed pastor
of said churches Friday
before the 4th Sab. of Sept 1836.
By Dr Robinson & R. H
Morrison

Rec'd under care of Presb.
as Candidate Oct 14. 1831.

Philadelphia Church Nov 6th 1834

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and Mr Barr having answered the said questions in the affirmative, and having kneled down in the presence of the Congregation, he was by prayer and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery after the Apostolic example, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry
The presiding Minister then gave a Solemn Charge to the name of God to the newly ordained Bishop and by prayer commended him to the Grace of God and His holy keeping

Adjourned to meet at Prospect Church on the 2nd Wednesday of March 1835
Concluded with Prayer

R H Morrison Clk pres tem

Prospect Church March 11th 1835

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Revd John Robinson D.D. from the 19th verse of the 28 Chapt of Matt: Go ye therefore and teach all nations &c and constituted by prayer

Ministers present	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	Robert Caldwell
" John Williamson	James Sample
" Walter L. Pharr	Andrew Hunter
" John M Erwin	Rufus Ramsay
" Robert H Morrison	John F McNeely
" Stephen Frontis	Wm L Johnston
" Samuel Williamson	Alexander Sillers
" Henry N Pharr	Samuel Frost
" Samuel L Wilson	Alexander Lowrie
" Wm A Hall	John Houston
" Patrick J Sparrow	John Knox
" Andrew Y Lockridge	" Wm C Johnson
" James E Morrison	John Murdock
" Absolom R Barr	

Absent
Revd James McRee D.D.
" Christopher Bradshaw
" John Silliman
" Abner A Leavenworth
" Daniel Lindley
" Thomas P Johnston
" Alexander E Wilson

The Revd. Patrick I Sparrow was chosen Moderator, and the Revd. Samuel L Watson Clerk,

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery and also of the Session at Rocky River and at Philadelphia were read

The Revd Patrick I Sparrow assigned satisfactory reasons for absence from the last Stated session

The Revd Messrs Daniel L Russell and Philip Pearson of the Presbytery of Orange, and the Revd James M. H. Adams of the Presbytery of Bethel being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A call was presented from the congregation of Mallard Creek for one half the ministerial labors of the Revd Walter I Pharr which was put into the hands of Mr Pharr and at his request Presbytery allowed him to retain it until our next Stated session for consideration

The congregations of Unity and Bethel, by their delegate, presented to the Presbytery a call in due form, for the ministerial labors of the Revd James M. H. Adams a member of the Presbytery of Bethel Synod of S.C. & Georgia, with a request that they be permitted to prosecute said call before the Presbytery of Bethel Whereupon Resolved that their request be granted and that the congregations be authorized to prosecute their call before the Presbytery of which Mr Adams is a member

A letter was received through the Stated clerk, addressed to Presbytery, by the Revd Thomas P Johnston one of our members, laboring as a Missionary in Asia Minor, through which, the Presbytery was gratified to learn that a Gracious Providence thus far had protected our beloved Brother and that animated by an unabated ardor for the Glory of God and love for the souls of men, he was pressing forward in obedience to the Command of our ascended Lord,

to "preach the gospel to every creature;" The Stated clerk and Revd Robert H Morrison were appointed a Committee to answer the letter of Mr Johnston

The Revd Abner S. Leonmouth and David Parks Esq. Elder appeared and took their seats as members of Presbytery

The Revd Stephen Frontis appointed at our last meeting to organize a church in Iredel County reported that he had attended for that purpose as directed by Presbytery, but in consequence of opposition to the organization of a Church in that place, he had not performed the duty assigned him; After hearing the objections that were made against the organization of a Church as contemplated in the directions given to Mr Frontis, Presbytery approved of his course and his report was accepted

Resolved that a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds be the order of the day for tomorrow a 11 o'clock and that Revd Messrs S. Frontis & A S. Leonmouth be a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative on the state of religion to the next General Assembly

The Revd Messrs I Williamson & A. G. Lockridge were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of the Last General Assembly and of the Synod of N.C. and report any items which may require the consideration of Presbytery

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer

Thursday morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer — present as ~~above~~ on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday were read

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the Gen

Assembly and of Synod reported in writing and their report was accepted.

Mr Alfred Perkins an Elder from the Church in Morganton and Mr Moses Boyd Elder from Salem Church appeared and took their seats as Members

The Report of the Committe on the Minutes of the General Assembly and of Synod was taken up.

Item 1st the resolution on page 13th of the Assembly printed Minutes 1834 by a resolution requiring presbyteries that had not sent up a decision on the proposed change of the Constitution to authorize the Calling of Special meetings of Synods, to send up their decision to the next General Assembly.

Presbytery having sent up their decision to the last Assembly and holding the same opinion still, consider the resolution of the Assembly complied with

Item 2nd The injunction on page 86. requiring presbyteries to take measures for forming the pastoral relation where Churches are now served by Stated Supplies unless there be special reasons to the contrary. Whereupon resolved that this Presbytery most cordially approve the injunction of the Gen Assembly, and deem it a matter of great importance that the Spirit of this injunction be attended to.

Resolved 2nd that at our next Stated Session and as often afterwards as may be deemed necessary, inquiry be made of the Members who are Stated supplies and of the Churches to which they are stated supplies why the pastoral relation should not be formed between them

Item 3 the order from Synod requiring an assessment of one dollar from each member of Synod for defraying the travelling expenses of the directors of the Union Theological Seminary to be collected by the Presbyteries was considered and Resolved

that it be complied with

Item 4 The injunction of Synod on page 16th of printed minutes respecting catechetical instructions, whereupon Resolved that this Presbytery do cordially approve of this injunction of Synod and that all members be required to attend to it.

The hour having arrived Presbytery held a free conversation on the State of Religion, that a narrative to the next General Assembly might be prepared.

A request was presented from Rocky River Church for permission to prosecute a call for the Revd Daniel A Penick before the Presbytery of Orange of which he is a member, which was granted. The Revd Abner S Leavenworth & Robt H Morrison were directed to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper in Rocky River Church on the 1st Sab. in may next.

Presbytery, taking into consideration the importance of a more general diffusion of useful knowledge, and the expediency of adopting some system of sound and thorough education that may be accessible to all classes of the community; and, learning with pleasure that the Manual labor system as far as it has been tried, promises the most happy results in training up youth to virtuous and industrious habits with well cultivated minds

Unanimously Resolved that this Presbytery deeply impressed with the importance of securing the means of Education to young men, within our bounds, of hopeful piety, and talents, preparatory to the Gospel ministry; undertake (in humble reliance on the blessing of God;) — the establishment of a Manual labor School; and that a committee be appointed to report to the next meeting of Presbytery the best measures for its accomplishment and the most favorable place for its location. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Dr. A. Penick's call & Davidson College

Leave was granted to Mr Alexander A Hall, who had applied to be received as a candidate for the Ministry under the care of this Presbytry, to withdraw his application.

Presbytry had a recess until 1 oclock P.M.

1 oclock P.M. Presbytry resumed business and proceeded by ballot to elect a committee of eight, four ministers and four Elders for the selection of a site for the proposed Manual Labor School. Revd James E Morrison & Mr Boyd were appointed a committee to receive the votes and report to Presbytry.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the State of religion to the next General Assembly reported and their report was adopted. and Mr Fronties Chairman of the committee was directed to transcribe and forward said report to Mr Tillinan our Commissioner.

Resolved that the next stated session of the presbytry of Concord be held in the Town of Charlotte to meet on the friday preceding the 2d Wednesday in Oct next at 7 oclock P.M. The committee to count the votes in the election of a committee of location for the proposed manual labor School reported the following names as chosen viz Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison Dr. Robinson Stephen Fronties & Samuel Williamson & Messrs Robert Burton Wm Lee Davidson John Phifer and Joseph Young Elders, and the committee were instructed to select a location within fifteen miles of Beattie Ford on the Eastern side of the Catawba river, and report to Presbytry on the last wednesday in April at Rocky River.

On motion Resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a pastoral letter to the churches under our care on the subjects of Family Worship, Fashionable amusements and the observance of the Lords day.

The Revd Messrs Abner I Leavenworth and Robert H Morrison were appointed this committee, with instructions to report to Presbytry at Rocky River Church on the last wednesday in April next. The following sums were paid into the Commissioners

Fund viz

Revd W. S. Pharr	$3	Alfred Perkins	$4
Rocky River Church	8	Revd A Y Lockridge	3
" H.N. Pharr	3	Sugar Creek Church	5
" A I Leavenworth	4	Stephen Fronties	3
" I.M. Erwin	8	P. I. Sparrow	6
Fourth Creek Church	3	Dr Robinson	4
" I. E Morrison	2	I. Williamson	3
" Wm A Hall	4	S Williamson	3

Amounting to $66.

The Revd A. I. Leavenworth and R H Morrison were appointed a committee to correspond with the different Manual Labor Schools in our country for the purpose of obtaining information, as to the best plan of establishing and conducting such institutions, and report the result of their inquiries to Presbytry.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward a Statistical report from this Presbytry to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly at Philadelphia

Adjourned to meet at Rocky-River church on the last wednesday in April next at 11 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

Samuel L Watson Clerk pro tem

In Synod at Salisbury 11th Oct. 1835. Thus far examined and approved

Henry N. Pharr Stated

Rocky-River Church 29th April. 1835

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Revd P. J. Sparrow (Present) Ministers. Revd John Robinson D.D. Walter L. Pharr John M Erwin Robt H Morrison Samuel Williamson Stephen Foresty Henry N. Pharr Patrick J Sparrow. Abm J. Lowenworth and James E Morrison with Elders Messrs Joseph Young Caleb Erwin, Wm C. Johnston, John Campbell, Andrew Hoyl. Wm E McKee, Andrew Adams John Phifer Abram McKee & Thomas Parks.

The Revd Samuel Williamson was appointed Clerk

Mr John M Wilson a candidate under the Care of Presby. read as a part of trials previous to Licensure a Sermon from the 15 verse of the 1st Chapt. 1st Epistle to Tim. This is a part of his

Mr Wm N. Morrison a candidate under the Care of the Presbytery of Lexington N.C. produced a regular dismission and recommendation to this Presbytery as a candidate in good standing; Whereupon resolved that he be received as a candidate under our care

Presbytery having received from the State's Clerk of Lexington Presbytery a certificate of Mr Morrisons having been on trial the full time required by our Book of Disciplines, and of his having had his trials duly assigned to him; proceeded to hear said trials previous to Licensure

Mr Morrison read a Sermon from the 6th verse of the 53d of Isai. "All we like sheep have gone astray" &c. as a part of trials assigned by the Pres. of Lexington

The Revd John S McCutchan having presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Orange and a recommendation as a minister in good standing was received as a member of this Presbytery

The following preamble and resolution were presented to Presbytery for adoption. Viz. Whereas the Revd Albert Barns of Philadelphia, has recently published a book entitled "Notes explanatory and practical on the Epistle to the Romans designed for Bible Classes and Sunday Schools —
and whereas it is generally understood and believed by the ministers of this Presbytery that the book in question contains statements and views of Christian doctrine at variance with the doctrines of the Reformation, and calculated to impair the confidence of the young and unwary in the Standards of the Presbyterian Church, therefore Resolved that in the opinion of this Presbytery the Book above mentioned ought not to be countenanced, as a commentary proper to be used in the churches under our care, or circulated among our Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.
After considerable discussion it was resolved that Revd R H Morrison S Williamson A. J. Leavenworth & S. Frontis be a committee to examine said Book and report thereon to Presby at its next Stated Sessions
Mr Joseph Young obtained leave of absence and Col Wm Allison his alternate took his seat.
Presbytery adjourned to meet at Rocky River Academy this evening at 7 o'clock Concluded with prayer
The Academy 7 o'clock P.M. Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer present as above except those absent with leave
Resolved that in compliance with a standing rule of Presbytery the Revd John Williamson be appointed to preach a doctrinal Sermon at our next Stated Sessions on the Eternal Decrees of God.
Mr John McWilson and Mr Wm N Morrison were examined on the various branches of Church History

Church Government and Theology previously assigned them.
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at the Church at 8 o'clock
Rocky River Church 30th April 1835 Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as on yesterday
Mr John McWilson read an Exegesis on the theme "In Jesu Christus Deo Patri equalis?" previously assigned him.
Mr Wm N Morrison read a critical exercise on Luke 9th Chapt 37—47 verse in course the subject assigned him by the Presbytery of Lexington
A letter was received and read from Revd James McKee D.D. on the subject of the proposed Manual Labor School which letter the Presbytery gratefully acknowledge, as coming from a venerable and beloved Father in the Ministry
Also a copy of the letter written by Dr McKee to Presbytery at our last Stated sessions, giving a brief outline of the early history of the Presbyterian Church in N.C. was received and ordered to be kept on file
Mr John McWilson read a critical exercise from the 16-17-& 18 verses of the 1st Chapt Epistle to the Romans
The Committee appointed at our last Stated sessions to examine and recommend Land suitable for the contemplated Manual Labor School, reported that they had examined various situations within the section of Country prescribed, and has not been able to find any site which could be obtained, that they were willing to assume the responsibility of recommending for its Location which report was accepted and the committee discharged
The Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison, P. J. Sparrow & W. S. Phares with Messrs W. L Davidson and Wm J Allison were appointed a committee to purchase Land for the proposed

Manual Labo School With instructions to contract for two tracts of Land belonging to Wm L Davidson Esqr in the upper end of Mecklenburg County; unless in their opinion they can make a more judicious purchase

Resolved that the above committee be authorized to employ an agent or agents to solicit funds as soon as the location of the School shall be determined

Resolved further that when the prospect of obtaining funds will justify it the above named committee shall be authorized to designate five persons whose duty it shall be to contract for materials and make arrangements necessary for building

Resolved that in case any members of Presbytery be employed as agents their pulpits shall be supplied during their absence

Revd Messrs R H. Morrison Dr Robinson and A J Leavenworth with Messrs Phifer & McKee were appointed a committee to prepare and present to Presbytery as soon as possible a general outline of the principles of the contemplated School.

After a short recess the above named committee made the following report which was accepted and considered article by article and adopted and is as follows

1st The Institution shall be under the control and direction of the Concord Presbytery

2nd The great and leading object shall be the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry and the extending of the means of Education more generally among all classes of the community

3 Its privileges shall be accessible to persons of all religious denominations of good moral character

4 The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament shall

contain the supreme rule of control in all the regulations of this Institution

5 For the promotion of health and to diminish the expense of Education all the students of this Institution shall be required to perform Manual Labor, agricultural or mechanical in the manner and to the extent deemed proper and necessary by its directors

6 This Institution is designed to afford the competent means for the acquisition of an accomplished Classical Education

Revd Messrs D Williamson and John S McClintock and Mr Wm C Johnston had leave of absence

Mr John M Wilson read a Lecture from the 46 Ps as a part of trial

The Revd Wm J Armstrong of East Hanover Presbytery being present was invited to take a seat as a corresponding Member

All the parts of trial of Mr John M Wilson and Mr Wm N. Morrison as required previous to licensure were severally considered and sustained and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. the Presbytery proceeded to license them to preach the Gospel as probationers in the words following viz. at Rocky River Church April 30th 1836

The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Mr John M Wilson and Mr Wm N Morrison of their having gone through a regular course of Literature; of their good moral character; and of their being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure

and they each having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies, the presbytery did & hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and they each having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did and hereby do license them the said John McWilson and William A Morrison to preach the Gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery or wherever else they may be orderly called.

The committee appointed to prepare a Pastoral letter to be addressed to the Churches on the subject of dancing, the neglect of Family worship, and the violation of the Sabbath day — reported and their report was received and adopted, and ordered to be printed and sent down to the Churches

The Revd Wm J. Armstrong agent of the Central Board of Foreign Missions having expressed his intention of visiting our Churches in the prosecution of his agency resolved that he be recommended to the confidence and Christian regard and liberality of our congregations in the good work in which he is engaged

Mr James McPherson having presented himself to be received as a candidate for the gospel ministry was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion and Motives for seeking the holy ministry which examination was sustained. and Mr McPherson having produced satisfactory evidence of his being in the

Communion of the Church and of his good moral character he was received as a Candidate under the care of Presbytery and examined on the Latin and Greek Languages which examination was sustained.

Mr McPherson intending to prosecute his Theological studies at the Union Theo. Sem. his examination on the Sciences was at his own request deferred until he shall next appear before Presbytery and he was directed to prepare as parts of trial as follows Viz a popular sermon on the 16th verse of the 3d Chapt. John For God so loved the world &c

A Popular Lecture on the 1st Psalm a critical exercise on the first 16 verses of the 3 Chapt. 1st Cor

Exegesis on the thesis Num regnum Christi sit eternum

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Charlotte on the friday before the 2nd Wednesday in Oct. 1835

Concluded with prayer

J Williamson Clk

Called Meeting 25 Aug 1835

By the call of the Moderator the Revd P.I. Sparrow the presbytery of Concord met at Bethel Church on the 25 Aug 1835 for the transaction of business connected with the proposed Manual Labor School of Concord presbytery, and to receive such members from other presbyteries as may regularly apply: and was constituted with prayer.

Ministers present Revd John Robinson DD John Williamson Walter L. Pharr John McEwin Robt H. Morrison Samuel Williamson Henry N. Pharr John Gillimon Wm A Hall Patrick I. Sparrow Andrew Y Lockridge James E Morrison and John L. McLuckan with Elders Messrs Joseph Young Robert B. Alexander David L. Torrence Amos Alexander Paris Alexander James B Thomas Wm Patterson John Graham James Gillimon & Wm E McKee

Ministers absent Revd James McKee D.D. Stephen Frontis Samuel L Watson Abner J Scamin worth D. Lindley Christopher Bradshaw Thomas P. Johnston Alexander E Wilson and Absalom C Barr

The Revd A.Y. Lockridge was appointed Clerk pro tem. The Revd James M. H. Adams of the Presbytery of Bethel produced a regular dismission from that Presbytery to connect himself with Presbytery of Concord. whereupon Resolved that he be and he hereby is recieved as a member of this Presbytery

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to purchase Lands, and appoint agents to collect funds for the Manual labor School reported and their report was accepted and is as follows viz Agreeably to appointment the Committee met on the 13th of May 1835 at the House of Wm L Davidson Esqr in Mecklenburg County. Present Revds R H Morrison W. L. Pharr & P. I. Sparrow Elders Messrs Wm L. Davidson Esqr & Col Wm I Allison

After examining the lands which appeared most favorable for the Institution's location, and receiving and deliberating on the information they could collect relative to different situations the Committee resolved as instructed to select a site for the School Convinced of their entire dependance on God for direction and feeling the responsibility of the decision to be made the committee engaged in prayer for wisdom from above — After supplication at the throne of Grace and mature deliberation it was resolved to purchase two Tracts of Land the property of Wm L Davidson Esqr in the North western Corner of Mecklenburg County, the one known by the name of the Jetton Tract containing 269 acres and the other (joining the same) known by the name of the Linn Tract containing 200 acres

For the above named 469 acres of Land the committee contracted to pay Wm L Davidson Esqr the sum of fifteen hundred and twenty one dollars to be paid the 1st of Janry 1836

The committee received from Wm L Davidson a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars to convey to them or any other person or persons whom the Presbytery may appoint a right in fee simple to the above named tracts of Land, and also gave to him in behalf of the Presbytery an obligation for the payment of fifteen hundred and twenty one dollars on the condition of the title to the above named tracts of Land being secured as above Stipulated

The committee then proceeded to appoint agents to solicit funds and Revd Messrs R H Morrison & P. I Sparrow were appointed. The counties of Mecklenburg, Cabarrus & Lincoln were assigned to R H Morrison & the Counties of Rowan

Redell and Burk to P. S. Sparrow to visit during the approaching Summer. It was then Resolved that the Mode of Collecting funds should be in five annual instalments the first to be paid on the 1st of Jany 1836 and also to receive donations from all who may give them

The following form of Subscription was adopted Viz

"We the Subscribers obligate ourselves to pay R. H. Morrison or P. S. Sparrow agent for the Manual Labor School under the direction of the Concord Presbytry the sums severally annexed to our names, annually for five years in succession, the 1st payment to be due on the 1st day of Jany 1836

The following persons were appointed a committee to contract for whatever Materials for Building it may be judged expedient to prepare during the present Season Viz Messrs Wm L Davidson John Graham, Wm S Allison Robt Potts and Revd J. Williamson

All of which is respectfully submitted

R H Morrison
W S Pharr
P S Sparrow
Wm L Davidson
Wm S Allison
} Committee

The committee appointed to contract for Building Materials reported and their report was accepted and is as follows Viz The committee report that they have contracted for the making of a quantity of Brick not exceeding 250.000, to be made on the Plantation of Major John Caldwell and delivered at the Kilns at four dollars per thousand

the Brick to be of the best quality and as many as possible to be ready on the 1st Nov 1835.

Signed
John Williamson
Wm L Davidson
Wm S Allison
Robt Potts
John D Graham
} Committee

The agents appointed to obtain subscriptions and donations for the School reported as follows Viz

Revd R. H. Morrison that he has obtained in subscription $16.000
Revd P.S. Sparrow. that he has obtained on subscription $12.392
in all $30.392

Presbytry united in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the success which has thus far attended our efforts and in prayer for his blessing on our contemplated Institution. Presbytry judging that there is sufficient encouragement to warrant their engaging directly in the work, appointed a committee to prepare and present to Presbytry as soon as possible a draft or plan of Buildings such as will be suitable for the proposed Institution. This Committee consisted composed of the committee on Building Materials with the addition of Col John Davidson

The Revd Albertus Watts of the Presbytry of Orange being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member The Revd J Williamson R H Morrison and P.S. Sparrow were appointed a committee to present at our next Stated Sessions a draft of Laws or constitutions for our proposed Institution

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Bethel Church 26th Aug. 1835

Presbytery met according to appointment and was constituted with prayer. present as on yesterday. and the minutes of yesterday were read

On Motion resolved that a committee be now appointed to select a site for the proposed Institution and to contract for, and superintend the Buildings of such houses as may be necessary for the same and that this committee consist of Gen Ephraim Davidson Wm L. Davidson Wm S. Allison Joseph Young Col John Davidson John D. Graham Robt Potts Rev John Williamson and Rev W S Rhea

Joseph Young Esqr was appointed by Presbytery treasurer of the Institution

The Committee appointed to draft a plan for the buildings of the Institution reported and their report was accepted and adopted, and the Building Committee were directed to have a part or the whole of the specified buildings completed as speedily as possible, or as in their discretion they may judge expedient with liberty to make such change in placing the houses as they may deem proper

A proposition being offered that the Institution be named. It was resolved that the Manual Labor Institution which we are about to build be called Davidson-College as a tribute to the Memory of that distinguished and excellent Man. Gen Wm Davidson, who in the ardor of patriotism, fearlessly contending for the Liberty of his country fell (Universally lamented) in the Battle at Cowans ford.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted viz

Whereas the literary institution which the Presbytery of Concord has undertaken to build, is one of great importance to our section of Country; and one that we trust will be greatly beneficial to our Southern Churches generally

Resolved that this Presbytery do affectionately invite the cooperation and assistance of the Presbytery of Bethel &c in our undertaking and that a member of this Pres be appointed to visit the Bethel Presbytery at their next Stated sessions and solicit their aid.

The Revd S Williamson was appointed to this duty

A Letter was received from Revd James McPhe D D assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence; which letter was directed to be kept on file

Resolved that Presbytery at its next Stated sessions elect one Professor for our Literary Institution

Ordered that the treasurer Mr Young pay to order of the Committee to contract for Building Materials one hundred dollars as an advance towards the price of the Brick

Resolved that the subscribers to the manual Labor School who may desire it shall be allowed to pay all their instalments at the time the first payment becomes due and have the interest deducted on the instalments not due for prompt ~~payment~~ agreed payment. and Should the Building Committee find it necessary they are authorized to borrow money on the credit of the subscription for the institution. Resolved that the agents be authorized to solicit Books for the institution as they visit the Churches.

Adjourned to meet at Charlotte on the 9th of Oct 1835 at 9 o'clk P.M.

Concluded with Prayer.

A J. Lockridge Clk

Charlotte 9th Oct. 1835

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd P. S. Sparrow the Moderator from II Tim II Ch and 15 verse Study to show thyself approved unto God &c and constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	William S Allison
" John Williamson	James Sample
" Walter L Pharr	Wm Dennis
" John M Erwin	John N Lawrance
" Robt H. Morrison	Alex. Robinson
" Stephen Frontis	John Hamph
" Samuel Williamson	John Wicks
" Henry N. Pharr	William Morrison
" Samuel L Watson	Dr William Johnston
" Wm A Hall	Saml Culbertson
" Patrick J Sparrow	John McCulloch
" Abner J Leavenworth	David Parks
" Andrew G Lockridge	Abel Graham
" James E Morrison	Reuben Truman
" John S McCutchan	John Clonts
" James M. H. Adams	James Query
Absent	William Miller
Revd James McKee DD	John King
" John Pellimon	David Flow
" Christopher Bradshaw	Daniel Watson
" Thomas P. Johnston	Wm Kilpatrick
" Daniel Lindley	
" Alex E Wilson	
" Abraham K Burr	

The Revd Stephen Fronts was chosen Moderator and the Revd Henry N. Pharr Clk. The minutes of the last Stated Sessions together with the minutes of the adjourned meeting at Rocky-River and the Called Meeting at Bethel were read

The Revd S. L. Davies of the Presbytery of Bethel S.C. being present was invited to sit with us as a corresponding Member

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at ½ after 8 oclock

Concluded with Prayer

Saturday Morning 10th Oct ½ after 8 oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above and the minutes of last evening was read. Dr Wm Johnston a ruling Elder from Goshen appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member

All papers designed to be submitted for the consideration of Pres. at its present Sessions being called for the following were introduced and read. viz The minutes of a pro re nata meeting of the Presbytery on the 25 Aug. (see page 92 of this book) Also a call from the congregation of Philadelphia for one third and a call from the congregation of Union for one third the ministerial labors of Mr John M Wilson a Licentiate under our care; which Calls being in regular form. Resolved that they be put into the hands of Mr Wilson. A Call was also presented from the congregation of Prospect for one half and from the congregation of Centre for the other half the ministerial labors of the Revd John M Erwin. these Calls being in due form Resolved that they be put into the hands of Mr Erwin

Presbytery proceeded to hear the report of Missionary labors appointed to be performed by the members in the western Counties during the past Summer; when it appeared

that most of the members had spent some time laboring in the fields assigned them; that they received much encouragement from the people to continue to labor for the sustaining of the feeble Churches, and for the building up of Churches in the waste places within our bounds

Mr John Clonts a ruling Elder from Union Church Rowan appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

Revd Messrs S. Fronts and S. E. Watson rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the pro re nata Meeting of Presbytery at Bethel

Presbytery had a recess. after which to meet in the Academy

After recess the Revd Samuel Williamson who was appointed the agent of this Presbytery to visit the Presbytery of Bethel to invite their cooperation and assistance in our manual Labor School being called on reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him. and that the overture was kindly received by the Brethren of the Bethel Presbytery, evidence of which is found in the following extract from their minutes by him submitted to this Presbytery Viz. "The Revd S. Williamson "was heard in behalf of the manual Labor Institution "proposed to be established in the bounds of the "Presbytery of Concord N.C. Whereupon it was "Resolved that this Presbytery cordially concur in "the proposition from our Brethren of the Concord "Presbytery to unite with them in building up a "College and manual Labor Institution in the "bounds of that Presbytery, and that we recommend "it to the Churches under our care to aid by "their prayers and contributions

12 Resolved that the Presbytery of Concord be requested "to send an agent amongst us to present this

"to our Churches and to the community within
"our bounds,," which report was accepted & adopted
Whereupon resolved that inasmuch the Brethren of
the Presbytery of Bethel have agreed cordially to
Cooperate with us in building up and sustaining
a Manual Labor Institution within our bounds
therefore that the proposed Institution shall be
governed by a Board of directors or Trustees from
the two Presbyteries, and that the number of such
directors or trustees from each Presbytery shall
be in proportion to the amount of funds con
tributed, and they shall have equal right to
Commit and vote in all matters connected with
the management and interest of the said Institution
and that the Trustees of both Presbyteries shall always
be elected by their respective Presbyteries for such
term as may be determined by the Presbyteries and
that the trustees of Bethel Presbytery shall have
a right to vote with this Presbytery in the
election of Professors
John Wales Esq Ruling Elder from Providence
appeared in Presbytery and took his seat
Resolved that the Revd D Williamson be and he
hereby is appointed the agent of this Presbytery to
visit the churches in the Bounds of Bethel Presby
and present the claims of Davidson College
and raise funds for its support. Resolved that
Mr Williamson Pulpit be supplied during his
absence on his agency
A paper was laid before Presbytery purporting
to be an appeal from a decision of the

Session of Poplar Tent Church Whereupon the Presbytery
determined the appeal to be in order, the appeal
with the reasons for appeal were then read and also
the records of the Session of Poplar Tent in the case
after which the appellant Mr Joseph Reid was heard
in support of his appeal and the Church Session
of Poplar tent in defence and support of their
decision. Whereupon resolved that it is the judgment
of this Presbytery that the reasons assigned by the
appellant do not sustain the appeal
Resolved that the decision of the Session of Poplar
Tent Church in the case of Mr Joseph Reid be
and it hereby is affirmed
Messrs N. Lawrence John Mentz David Flow and Dr
Wm Johnston had leave of absence

Erwin relative to Pastor Centre

The Revd W. S. Shaw has leave to retain for his consideration six month longer, the Call from the Congregation of Mallard Creek which was put into his hands at the last stated Session of Presbytery
The Revd John M Erwin being enquired at, signified his acceptance of the Calls presented him this Morning from the Congregations of Centre and Prospect, and the following order was made for his installation Viz. Resolved that the Revd John Williamson and Walter S. Shaw be a committee to meet at Centre Church on Thursday the 12th of Nov 1835 to install Mr Erwin Pastor of said Church; that the Revd John Williamson preach the installation Sermon & the Revd Walter S Shaw preside and give the Charge to the Pastor and Congregation.
and that the Revs H N Shaw and A. G. Lockridge be a committee to meet at Prospect Church on Thursday the 19th Nov 1835 and install Mr Erwin Pastor of that Church, that the Revd A. G. Lockridge preach the installation Sermon and the

Revd. Henry N Shaw presides and gives the Charge to the pastor and Congregation. Revd John Williamson J Williamson and James M. Mc Adams had leave of absence till Monday Morning
The Revd John M Erwin & Mr Abel Graham Elder were appointed a Committee to examine Session Books and report to Presbytery
The Building Committee of Davidson College made a report through Revd John Williamson which was accepted and adopted, — an abstract of which is as follows Viz Oct 8th 1835.
The committee of Buildings Location &c Report to Presbytery that they have contracted for the construction of eight Brick Buildings viz One Large two Story building 40 feet by 60
1 do do do 20 feet by 66
1 do do do 22 feet by 32
3 Blocks of Buildings one Story high 18 feet by 66
1 Small Building 18 feet by 18. — 15 feet high
1 do do 12 feet by 12. — 12 feet high
all of which are to be on Rock foundations, coverd with Tile pointed and finished complete.
For which they have agreed to furnish the Brick and pay to Messrs T. & S. Lemly & Mc Owen the Contractors, the Sum of ten thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. Viz $3.000 in March 1836. — $3.000 in March 1837 and $4.250 in March 1838.
Resolved that Mr Maxwell Chambers of Salisbury be & he hereby is appointed a member of the Building committee
Resolved that the building committee be empowered to purchase any tract or tracts of Land contiguous to the Site of Davidson College, the possession of which the Committee may deem important to the interest of the Institution
The Revd Absalom K Barr having removed without

our bounds in March or April last made application through Dr Robinson for a dismission to join Cayuga Presbytery N Y. Whereupon Resolved that his request be granted and that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good Standing and recommended as such to the Brethren of Cayuga Presbytery
Presbytery has a recess till 7 oclock this evening to meet at the house of David Parks Esqr.
Mr Parks 7 oclock Presbytery met and proceeded to business
Messrs John McPherson and Hankerson Irwin were introduced as young men wishing to put themselves under the care of this Presbytery with a view to the Gospel Ministry
Presbytery having received Satisfactory testimonials of their good Moral Character and of their being members in the communion of the Church of good and regular Standing. Proceeded to examine them on their experimental acquaintance with religion, and their motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry; which examination was deemed Satisfactory. Whereupon resolved that they be and they hereby are received as candidates for the Gospel Ministry under our care. Messrs McPherson and Irwin were examined on the Latin and Greek Languages which examination was sustained. — Their examination on the Sciences was deferred. As parts of trials were assigned to Mr McPherson an Exegesis on the thesis Num Ecclesia Sit una? for a critical exercise Heb. 6th Chapt. 1... 8 Verses inclusive for a Popular Lecture the 19th Psalm 7–11th verses inclusive A popular Sermon on 14th verse 1 Chapt Col and to prepare for examination on Theology and Church History
The committee on Session Books reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and their report was accepted.

Adjourned to met at the Church on monday
Morning at ½ after 8 Oclock. Conclud'd with prayer
Monday Morning 12th Oct. ½ after 8. oclock
Presbytry met according to adjournment and was Constituted
with prayer— present as on Saturday except those absent
with leave— the Minute of Saturday were read
Mr Joseph Reid prayed an appeal from the decision of this
Presbytry made on Saturday last, affirming the judgment
of the Session of Poplar Tent Church in his case
Resolved that Mr Reids prayer be granted and that he have
leave to appeal from our decision to the Synod of N.C.
Resolved that Rev'd Dr Robinson and Wm S. Allison be a committe
to inform Mr Reid that his request made to us for a
commission to take testimony in his case to lay before
Synod cannot be granted, be cause it transcends the
Powers of the Presbytry to grant him a commission to
take testimony in his case to bring before Synod.
In pursuance of a resolution of Presbytry at it last Stated
Session, and a resolution of the General Assembly of 1834
inquiry was made of the Ministers who preach as
Stated Supplies, and of the Churches to which they
preach why measures were not taken to form the pastoral
Relation between them and reasons were assigned which
were deemed satisfactory
The Committee appointed at the called Meeting at Bethel
to report to Presbytry at this time a draft of Laws and
Constitution for Davidson College. reported and their report
was accepted, amended and adopted
The following assignments were made to Mr. S. Erwin as
parts of trial previous to Licensure viz
An Exegesis on the Thesis "An justis in hac vita, perfectionem
attingunt"

A critical exercise on the first 6 verses of the 6th Chapt Heb
A Section on 1 Peter II Chapt. 1. & 10th verse inclusive
A Popular Sermon on the 28 verse of the IX Chapt Heb.
And to prepare for examination on Theology and Church History
The Rev'd John S. McCutchan informed Presbytry that he acted
accepting the Call from the Congregation of Morganton which
they had leave to prosecute before the Presbytry of Orange for
them. Mr Wm Morrison Elder had leave of absence
Calls were introduced and read from the Congregations of
Little Britain & Rutherfordton each for one half the ministerial
labors of Mr John M. M. Caldwell a licentiate under our
Care. Then calls being found in regular form were put
into the hands of Mr Caldwell for his consideration
A United Call from the Congregations of Bethel and Bantys
(Steeles) each for one half the ministerial labors of the
Rev'd James M. H. Adams was presented and read
The call being in regular form was put into the hands
of Mr Adams for his consideration
The Rev'd A Whites of the Associate Church being present
was invited to sit with us as a corresponding member
The Rev'd John Williamson who was appointed to preach
a doctrinal Sermon at this present Session of Presbytry
requested indulgence until the next Stated Session and
the Rev'd W. S. Pharr was appointed his alternate (Subject
assigned Mr Pharr) Gods Providence
Resolved that the next Stated Session of this Presbytry be
held at Rhea Creek Church on the 2d Sunday in
March 1836
Resolved that Presbytry now proceed by ballot to elect
two Professors for Davidson College
The Rev'd John M. Erwin and James Edmonston were

appointed a committee to receive and count the votes and report to Presbytery

The Committee after counting the votes reported that the Revd Samuel Williamson was elected Professor of Science and the Revd Patrick S. Sparrow Professor of Languages

The committee appointed at Rocky River to examine Barns Notes, on the Romans and report thereon to Presbytery reported in writing and their report was accepted and the following preamble. Resolution recommended by said committee was unanimously adopted by Presbytery Viz

"Whereas a book has been published in the course of last year entitled Notes explanatory and practical on the Epistle to the Romans designed for Bible Classes and Sunday Schools by Albert Barns

and whereas the said book has already been introduced within our bounds and circulated to some extent, and whereas Presbytery having examined said book have found in it many sentiments and doctrines diametrically opposed to the doctrine of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and to the plain doctrines of the Standards of our Church. Therefore Resolved unanimously that Presbytery warn the Churches under their care against purchasing or circulating said books, believing that it would prove highly injurious to the Spiritual interests of our people and should therefore be excluded from the Sabbath School, the Bible Class and the family circle," The Stated Clerk was directed to forward a copy of the above preamble and Resolution for publication to the Editors of the Presbyterian and Southern Telegraph

Recess till 7 oclock P.M. 7 oclock P.M. Presbytery proceeded

to business. A letter was received from the Revd C Bradshaw assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present session of Presbytery. The Revd P.S. Sparrow one of our agents for Davidson College reports that he has obtained in subscriptions and donations the sum of $16.690. 92/100 and the Revd R H Morrison the other agent reported that he had obtained in subscriptions and donations the sum of $18.927. 50/100 Making together $35.618. 42/100

Resolved that the Revd Messrs Morrison and Sparrow continue their agency six months longer

Resolved that Pastors and Stated Supplies with their sessions be authorized to collect the money subscribed in their respective congregations for Davidson College

Resolved that the Revds J Williamson R H. Morrison and Stephen Frontis be a committee to prepare and publish a concise history of Davidson College so far as our efforts have gone towards establishing that Institution. Mr John M Wilson had been to retain the Call from Philadelphia for his consideration till the next Stated Session Adjourned to meet at the Church tomorrow morning at ½ after 8 oclock concluded with prayer

18th Oct ½ after 8 oclock Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer and the minutes were read and corrected

Presbytery proceeded to ballot for 24 Trustees for Davidson College and the votes were committed to the Revds Messrs Lockridge and McCorkle to count and report the election

The Executive committee on missions made a report which was accepted

The following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed Viz

Resolved that we in common with the friends of

nder throughout our Country, do deprecate the reckless and wicked conduct of the Abolitionists, and that we feel it to be our duty by every means proper to suppress the circulation of their incendiary publications

Resolved that we deprecate the interference of men in other States with the civil institutions and domestic relations of our Southern Country.

The regular Members of Presbytery were directed to supply as follows Dr McKee 1 Sab. at discretion. Dr Robinson 1 at discretion J. Williamson 1 at Olney W.S. Pharr 1 at discretion I McErwin 1 at discretion R.H. Morrison 1 at discretion Stephen Frontis 1 at 4th Creek S Williamson 1 at discretion H.N. Pharr 1 at Wilkesborough C. Bradshaw 1 at discretion J Stillman 1 at discretion S.L. Watson 1 at discretion W.S. Hall 1 at Franklin P.J. Sparrow 1 at discretion A.J. Lockridge 1 at discretion A.J. Leavenworth 1 at discretion J.J. McCutchen 1 at Siloam James E Morrison 1 at Olney James M.H. Adams 1 at Long Creek. The Revd James M.H. Adams having accepted the united Call from Bethel and Unity: ordered that he be installed Pastor of said Congregations on the 2nd Sabbath in Nov and that his installation be at Bethel Church that the Revd S.L. Watson preach the installation sermon the Revd John Williamson presides and give the charge to the Congregations and S Williamson give the charge to the Pastor Mr John M.E. Caldwell declined accepting the calls presented to him from the Congregations of Little Britain and Rutherfordton

The Revd J.B. Ballard agent for the A.S.S. Union being present was heard in support of the claims of that institution whereupon Resolved unanimously that Presbytery having heard with much pleasure that the resolution of the

A.S.S. Union, relative to establishing Sunday Schools in the Southern States is prosecuted with success, especially in this State, and believing that such Schools are the means of doing much good: therefore resolved that we still express sentiments of friendship towards the A.S.S. Union and recommend to all the Churches within the bounds of this Presbytery to aid the Union by their prayers and cooperation and contributions.

The following resolution & Preamble were adopted Whereas Presbytery have evidence from the calls presented that Mr John M.E. Caldwell is an acceptable and useful preacher, and having learned that he intends to spend some time as a Missionary within our bounds, and believing that he will be more useful in the field to which he is about to go by having received ordination; therefore Resolved that this Presbytery meet at Rehoboth Church on the friday before the 1st Sab in Nov next for the ordination of Mr Caldwell. that Dr Robinson preach the Ordination Sermon & Revd J Williamson give the charge to the Evangelist and Preside Ordered that Mr Caldwell prepare a Sermon on the 1st Verse of the 8 Chapt. Rom and for examination as our Book of Discipline requires

John M. M. Caldwell ord. 30 Nov. 1117

Resolved that James Hutchinson Esqr and the Revd P.J. Sparrow be a committee in behalf of this Presbytery to present a petition to the Legislature of N.C. at its next Session for a charter for Davidson College & that Revd R.H. Morrison & S Williamson be a committee to draft a petition to the Legislature for a charter

The committee on the votes for Trustees Reported that the following persons were elected viz James M.H. Lee Davidson Charles Harris Thos L Cowan A L Erwin Jos. Young John Williamson R.H. Morrison Dr Jos W. Ross. the eight having the highest vote. John D Graham Dr M.W. Alexander A J Alexander W.S. Pharr Dr Cyrus Hunter James M.H. Adams Col J. Davidson Gen Ephraim Davidson

the eight having the next highest vote; and
David A Caldwell. Wm Th Rutherford H L Torrence
A J. Leavenworth Dr D.C McBane Jams Osborn
John Robinson DD. and R. H. Burton the next highest
vote making the number 24
Resolved that the eight persons elected who had the
highest number of vote serve three years
the eight having the next highest vote serve two
years and the next eight serve one year

Adjourned to meet in Salisbury during the
sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator
Concluded with prayer

Henry N. Pharr Clk Pro tem

At Salisbury 15 Oct. 1835

The Presbytry of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer
Present Revd John Robinson D.D. John Williamson W. S. Pharr I. K. Erwin Robt H. Morrison S. Frontis L. Williamson H. N. Pharr Wm A Hall P.S. Sparrow A J Lockridge John S. McClutchan James E. Morrison and Jams M. H. Adams with Elders Wm Cannon David Harry Dan Alexander Wm King Thomas L Cowan Robt H Burton and John Phifer
Revd L. Williamson was appointed Clk
The Revd Daniel A Penick presented a regular dismission from the Presbytry of Orange to join this Pres. Whereupon Resolved that Mr Penick be and he hereby is received as a member of the Presbytry of Concord. adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at ½ after 6 Oclk closed with prayer
Oct 16 ½ after 6 oclock Presbytry met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as on yesterday
Resolved that it is expedient to petition the Synod of N.C. to divide the Presbytry of Concord and make two Presbytry of the same and that the Catawba River be the dividing line between them
Resolved that a committee be now appointed to meet on Thursday the 22d Inst. at the contemplated site of Davidson College and carefully examine the Lands purchased for said Institution, and also such other Lands within fifteen miles of Beatties Ford as they may think proper, and report to Presbytry on the last wednesday of this month the most suitable land that can be obtained for such an institution and that this committee consist of Messrs Abram Alexander M.D John Phifer Robt H. Burton John D. Graham David A Caldwell Gen Ellis Davidson Col John Davidson James Torrence Thomas L Cowan

Petition to divide Presby.

Col. Lemly Joseph Young Wm King & Reuben Kilpatrick
The Revd Samuel Williamson was appointed by this Presbytery to confer with the Presbytery of Bethel and ascertain their wishes in the subject of becoming united with us in the formation of a new Synod in western Carolina

Adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Robt Potts on the last wednesday in this month
Concluded with prayer

S. Williamson Clk

House of Mr Robt Potts Mecklenburg County NC 28th 1835
The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer. present Revd John Williamson Walter L. Pharr John M. Erwin, R. H. Morrison H. N. Pharr James E Morrison and James M. H. Adams with Elders Joseph Young Wm Dunn Amos Alexander John D Graham and Thomas Allison.
The Moderator being absent, the Revd John Williamson the senior member present was called to preside and the Revd R H. Morrison was appointed Clk
The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to examine the Lands purchased for Davidson College and to report at this meeting the expediency of erecting the buildings on said lands, made the following report which was received and adopted and is as follows
" The committee appointed to meet and examine the lands belonging to Davidson College report to Presbytery that they met at the Site and examined carefully

the Lands belonging to the Institution and were unanimously of opinion, that the Lands were sufficiently good to warrant the Presbytery to in erecting the buildings at the location selected by the building committee

Signed Oct 22nd 1835

Joseph Young Reuben D Kilpatrick Wm King David A Caldwell Ephraim Davidson Thomas L Cowen John Phifer John D. Graham, Hugh Torrence

Ordered that the Stated Clerk furnish the building committee with a copy of the resolutions passed by Presbytery pointing out their duties and defining their power
Ordered that the Agents who hold the Subscriptions for Davidson College furnish the person in each congregation who may be appointed to collect the monies subscribed with the original Subscription papers, or copies thereof and endorse them as payable to said persons appointed to make the Collections
Adjourned to meet at Ramah Church on friday Sept. Concluded with prayer

Ramah Church Oct 30th 1835

Presbytery met according and was constituted with prayer present Revd John Robinson D.D. John Williamson Walter L. Pharr: and James E Morrison with Elder Robt Alexander & Caleb Erwin

The Revd J Williamson was appointed to preside and the Revd James E Morrison was appointed Clerk

Mr John M. M. Caldwell a licentiate under our care delivered a Sermon from the 7th Verse of the 8th Chapt Romans "Because the Carnal mind is enmity &c" the subject previously assigned him by Presbytery as part of trials previous to ordination.

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Revd Walter L. Pharr at ½ after 4 Oclock this evening

Concluded with prayer

at Mr Pharrs ½ after 4 Oclock Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer present as above Mr. John M. M. Caldwell was examined on Theology Ecclesiastical History and Church Government and discipline which examination together with his sermon were considered and sustained

Adjourned to meet at the Church tomorrow morning at 11 Oclock concluded with prayer

Ramah Church Oct 31- 1835

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

The Revd James M H Adams appeared and took his seat. and the Revd John W. Rice a member of Hopewell Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member

The Revd John Robinson D D previously appointed

preached a Sermon from 2 Tim. 2d Chapt 3 Verse. Thou therefor endure hardness as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ preparatory to the ordination of Mr Caldwell

The Revd John Williamson the presiding Minister then recited the proceedings of Presbytery preparatory to the ordination of Mr Caldwell. after which he proposed to Mr Caldwell the questions directed in our Form of Government to be put to Candidates to be ordained which questions Mr Caldwell answered in the affirmative

Mr Caldwell then kneeled down. and was by solemn prayer and the laying on of the hands of the presbytery after the Apostolick example ordained to the holy office of a Gospel Minister. and the right hand of fellowship given him by the brethren present

The presiding Minister then delivered an appropriate charge to the newly ordained evangelick.

Mr Caldwell ordained

Adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church on the 2nd Tuesday of March 1836

Concluded with prayer

Extract

From the Minutes of the Synod of North Carolina
Twenty Second Session, Salisbury, Rowan County N.C.
Sat. 17th Oct 1835

"Resolved that hereafter the Presbytery of Concord occupy the following territory viz the Counties of Anson Cabarrus Iredell and Mecklenburg - so much of the County of Montgomery as lies West of the Yadkin River and the County of Rowan

Resolved that the Presbytery of Concord continue as heretofore to meet by its own adjournments ordinarily within the above specified limits.

Signed: A true extract from the minutes of Synod
Colin McIver Stated Clerk"

Third-Creek Church March 8th 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd Stephen Frontis the Moderator from Ezek 33. — 1 — 9 and constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	Andrew Allison
" John Williamson	Levi Hope
" Walter L Pharr	James Caldwell
" John M Erwin	Francis Beattie
" Robt H Morrison	Samuel Caldwell
" Stephen Frontis	Thomas A Bell
" Samuel Williamson	Neil M Still
" Danl A Penick	Joseph Wallis
" Henry N Pharr	Samuel Marland
" Wm A Hall	John Morrison
" Patrick J Sparrow	Robt Johnston
" Andrew Y Lockridge	Cyrus Flemming
" James E Morrison	David A Caldwell
" James M H Adams	Angus McQueen
" John M M Caldwell	

Absent

Revd James McKee D.D.
" John Gillimon
" Christopher Bradshaw
" Samuel L Watson
" Abner L Leavenworth
" John L McCutchon
" Daniel Lindley
" Thomas P Johnston
" Alexander C Wilson

The Revd John M. Erwin was chosen Moderator and the Revd Henry N. Pharr Clerk. The minutes of the last stated Session of Presbytery were read, and also the minutes of the intermediate Sessions at Salisbury, at Mr Potts's and at Ramah

The Revd Edmund Lanier of the Presbytery of Nashville being present was invited to sit with this Presbytery as a corresponding member.

The Revd Leander A. Watts presented to Presbytery a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Orange and recommendation to this Presbytery: Whereupon Resolved that Mr Watts be and he hereby is received as a member of the Pres. of Concord

The members of Presbytery being called on reported that the supplies assigned them had been fulfilled with the exception of a few failures for which satisfactory reasons were assigned

Resolved that it be the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock to elect a Treasurer of Davidson College and also to elect a Trustee to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Joseph Young Esqr.

The committee appointed to instal the Revd John M Erwin pastor of Centre and Prospect Churches reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them

Resolved that a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds be held tomorrow at 2 Oclock P.M. and that Revd L. Frontis and A.Y. Lockridge be a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative to be forwarded to the next General Assembly

Calls were introduced and read from the congregations of Concord-Town and Bethpage each for

one half the ministerial labors of the Revd James E Morrison which call being in regular form were presented to Mr Morrison and by him accepted

The Revd Stephen Frontis requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the Churches of Bethany and Tabo, and these congregations having given their consent by their delegates in Pres Whereupon resolved that the request of Mr Frontis be and it hereby is granted, and the congregations of Bethany and Tabor declared vacant

A Call was introduced and read from Ramah congregation for the ministerial labors of the Revd Walter L. Pharr, which call being found not in regular form; Resolved that it be returned to the congregation for the correction of informality

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 Oclk
Concluded with prayer

Wednesday Morning 9 Oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. present as above and the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Leander A Watts requested a dismission to join the Presbytery of Morganton

Whereupon Resolved that the request of Mr Watts be granted and that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good standing and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Morganton

Col. Samuel Lemly Ruling Elder from Salisbury appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

The committee appointed to instal the Revd James M. H. Adams pastor of Bethel and Unity Congregations

reported that the attended at the time and place appointed, but the day being very inclement and but few of the people of the congregation present they deferred the installation to the 11th of the present Month. which report was accepted

Presbytery proceeds to the order of the day viz the election of a Treasurer and Trustee of Davidson College, and Wm L. Davidson was unanimously elected Treasurer and William Wood Esqr was elected a trustee, to fill the vacancy in the board occasioned by the death of Joseph Young Esqr.

The Revd John Williamson was appointed Treasurer pro-tem, and directed to receive from the collectors the Monies now on hand for the Institution

The death of the Revd Jonathan O Freeman for many years a member of this presbytery having been announced. Resolved that the Revd John Robinson D.D. and Patrick J Sparrow be a committee to prepare a minute on the subject

The Revd John Williamson according to previous appointment delivered a Sermon on the doctrine of the Divine decree. ✓

Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison H. N. Pharr with Joseph Watts Elder were appointed a committee of Supplies

Resolved that the minute of the Synod of North Car in relation to the division of the Presbytery of Concord be recorded with our minutes

Resolved that the next Stated Session of this Presbytery be held at Ramah Church to meet on the 2nd Wednesday in Oct next at 11 Oclock A.M.

Resolved that hereafter the semiannual sessions of

this Presbytery shall uniformly be held on the 2d Wednesday of March and October

Mr John M Wilson declined accepting the calls from the congregations of Philadelphia and Union, previously put into his hands for consideration

Presbytery at the appointed hour, held a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds and the members gave each a narration of the State of his own charge

The Revd John M M Caldwell reported an organized Church in the County of Anson called Lebanon Church which was received as a congregation under our care

Papers were introduced and read, purporting to be an appeal by Mr Nicholas Montgomery from a judgment of the Session of Unity Church (Rowan)

The appeal of Mr Montgomery being found in order, the sentence appealed from was read, together with the reasons for appeal, and also the record of the Session appealed from was read, and the parties being ready for trial Mr. Montgomery was heard in support of his reasons for appeal.

The Revd Daniel A Penick had leave of absence from the remainder of the present Session

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Closed with prayer

Thursday 10th March 1836. Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above and the Minutes of yesterday were read

The Members paid into the Commissioners fund as follows. Viz Revd John Robinson D.D. $5. John Williamson $5 Mallard Creek Church $3 J Williamson $4 Rob H Morrison $5 Concord $3. John M Erwin $5

Rec'd Wm A. Hall $3. P. I. Sparrow $5 James E Morrison $2. 45/100
J. Frontis $3. A J. Lockridge $5 Rocky River Church $8
Bethel Church $2. J. M. Caldwell 75/100, Making in all
$59. 20/100

The Profesors elected at our last Stated sessions were enquired at whether the were prepared to accept. and the Revd T Williamson desired a few weeks time to consider the matter, which was granted.
The Revd Patrick I. Sparrow accepted the appointment of Professor of Languages in Davidson College
Resolved that the wednesday before the 3d thursday in may be observed as a day of Fasting and prayer by the Churches within our bounds, with reference to the afflicted State of our Church, and the threatening difficulties which appear to await our approaching General Assembly and also for the Blessing of God on the efforts of this Presbytery to build up Davidson College, on the Institution & its Professors
Revd Messrs Samuel Baily & Philip Pearson of the Presbytery of Orange being present were invited to sit as Corresponding Members
Presbytery proceeded to ballot for commissioners to the next Gen Assembly and the ballots were committed to the Revd Messrs J E Morrison and A J Lockridge to count the votes and report to Presbytery. The committee reported that the Revd P. I. Sparrow and Rufus H. Kilpatrick Ruling Elder were duly elected Commissioners and Revd T Williamson and David A Caldwell Elder alternates
The committee appointed to report a minute in relation to the death of the Revd Jonathan O Freeman

reported the following which was accepted and adopted viz
"Presbytery feel themselves called upon to perform the "Mournful duty of recording the death of their beloved "Brother the Revd Jonathan O. Freeman M. D. and "they humbly acquiesce in this dispensation of the Great "Head of the Church, they feel that by it they are "loudly admonished, to work while it is day, for the "night Cometh when no man can work. Presbytery have "with gratitude that our Deceased Brother was sustained "by a good faith in Christ, whilst walking through the "dark Valley"
Signed John Robinson
P. I. Sparrow } Committee

The Committee appointed to take notes and prepare a narrative on the State of religion within our bounds reported and their report was accepted and adopted and directed to be signed and forwarded by our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly
Ordered that Church Sessions be requested to attend immediately to the collection of the monies subscribed in their bounds to Davidson College and forward the same to the Treasurer
Presbytery adopted the following resolution in relation to the observance of the Sabbath viz
Resolved that it be injoined on all the ministers of this Presbytery to preach to their respective Congregations in the course of the next six months a Sermon on the sin of Sabbath breaking with reference to the evil of driving their waggons to and from Market on that day and of travelling in Stages on that holy day

Resolved that the title to the lands of Davidson College be drawn to the trustees of the college and their Successors in office

Resolved that the Revd P. S. Sparrow who has accepted the professorship to which he has been elected, commence his services for Davidson College on the 1st day of April 1836 and that his Salary commence from that time

Resolved farther that Mr Sparrow be authorized to visit whatever Manual Labor Institutions in the North he may deem important, and that he act as agent in soliciting funds whenever it may be found expedient

Resolved that the treasurer of Davidson College be and he hereby is directed to pay the Revd P. S. Sparrow as agent on the first day of April 1836 two hundred and fifty dollars

Revs James M. H. Adams and David A. Caldwell Elder had leave of absence from the remainder of the present session of Presbytery

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly the amount allowed them by a standing rule of Presbytery

Presbytery proceeded to the unfinished business of yesterday, and Mr Montgomery was heard in support of his reasons for appeal, and the Session of Unity Church in defence of their decision. The parties having been fully heard withdrew, and the roll was called that each Member of Presbytery might express his opinion

Whereupon Resolved unanimously as the judgment of this Presbytery, that the appellant has not sustained his appeal. Resolved that the decision

of the Court below be and it hereby is affirmed

The Revd James E. Morrison having accepted the Calls from the congregations of Bethpage and Concord Town, ordered that the Revd Messrs John Robinson D.D. and R. H. Morrison be a Committee to meet at Concord Town on the friday before the 2d Sabbath in April next and install him Pastor of said Congregations, — that Mr Morrison preach the installation Sermon and that Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge to the Pastor and congregation & people

The Revd Samuel Williamson agent to the Churches and Presbytery of Bethel reported that he had met the Presbytery of Bethel and presented the overture from the Presbytery of Concord that the Bethel Presbytery petition the Synod of S.C. and Georgia to be detached from said Synod that they may be united with the Presbyteries of Concord and Morganton in the formation of a new Western Synod of the Carolinas That the overture met the approbation of the presbytery and a resolution was adopted to petition the Synod of S.C. and Georgia at its next stated Sessions, for leave to become united with this Presbytery and the Presbytery of Morganton in the formation of a new Synod

And farther that for special reasons he had as yet visited but two of the Churches within the bounds of Bethel Presbytery with a view to raise subscriptions to our College, that in them however the object was favorably received and the subscriptions as far as they had been made were encouraging and that by Divine permission he intends visiting other Churches in the Bethel Presbytery in the course of a few Months.

Resolved that the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery be directed

to write as soon as practicable to the Stated Clerks of the different Presbyteries composing the Synod of N.C requesting them to lay before their respective Presbyteries, our wish, (that (if it meets the approbation of said Presbyteries,) they will authorize and instruct their commissioners to the next General Assembly, to promote and secure the division of the Synod of N.C. equally to the understanding of the members of said Synod at the last Stated Sessions in Salisbury so that the Presbyteries of Concord Morganton and Bethel S.C. may be united in the formation of a new Synod in western Carolina.

Resolved that Presbytery meet at the site of Davidson College on the 1st Thursday in April next. to elect a Steward for the college, to hear the answer of the Revd S Williamson as to his acceptance of the Professorship in the College to which he has been elected, and to attend with due solemnity to the laying of the corner Stone of the Chapel. The Revd R.H. Morrison was appointed to deliver an address at the laying of the corner stone and the Revd Dr Robinson to offer a dedicatory prayer

The Revd Messrs John Williamson, Walter L. Pharr and Messrs David A Caldwell & J. Davidson Esqrs were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Ceremony

Resolved that the Revd Walter L. Pharr be requested to preach a doctrinal Sermon at our next Stated Sessions on the doctrine of Gods Providence and that the Revd John M Ewart be his alternate. Subject "Original Sin"

Adjourned to meet at the Site of Davidson College on the 1st Thursday in April next at 11 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Site of Davidson College 7th of April 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	
" John Robinson D.D.	Levi Hope
" John Williamson	Wm A Sample
" Walter L Pharr	James Caldwell
" John M Erwin	Francis Beatte
" Robt H Morrison	Amos Alexander
" Stephen Frontis	James A Hill
" Samuel Williamson	Wm Ross.
" Wm A Hall	Samuel Frost
" Abner L Leavenworth	
" Andrew G Lockridge	Robt Johnston
" James E Morrison	Cyrus Flemming
"	David A Caldwell

Absent

Revd. Henry N. Pharr
" Daniel A Penick
" Samuel L. Watson
" Patrick L. Sparrow
" John M M Caldwell
" Daniel Lindley
" Thomas P. Johnston
" Alexander E Wilson

The Revd Samuel Paisley of the Presbytery of Orange being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member

The corner Stone of the college Chapel having been laid previous to the meeting of Presbytery and a large concourse of people having assembled Presbytery proceeded to the Solemn Service of dedicating the institution to God. The Service was commenced by Revd Dr Robinson by singing an appropriate Psalm and an introductory prayer. The Revd Robt H Morrison then addressed the assembly in an appropriate and forcible discourse on the importance of Learning generally and Specially of a Learned Ministry to the happiness of a community and the Security of a free and righteous Government

At the close of the address Revd Dr Robinson offered the Dedicatory prayer and the exercises were concluded by singing an appropriate hymn selected by Revd Dr McRee

The Revd Samuel Williamson Elected Professor of Mathematicks Natural Philosophy & Chemistry in Davidson College declined accepting the appointment

Resolved that the Presbytery of Concord meet at Bethel Church on the 1st Wednesday in June then and there to elect a Professor of Sciences for Davidson College and that the Presbyteries of Morganton and Bethel be invited to meet and vote with us in the election.

Resolved that inasmuch as Presbytery do not feel prepared to proceed to the election of a Steward of the College at the present time, that that election be deferred to the 1st Wednesday of June at which time the members are desired to come prepared to elect a Steward for our College

Resolved that if our proposed new Synod be formed at the next General Assembly our commissioners be requested to recommend that it be called the Western Synod of the Carolinas,,

The Stated Clerk presented a Letter from Dr Breckinridge corresponding Secretary of Gen Assembly's Board of Education requesting a report on the subject of Education from this Presbytery Whereupon Resolved that said letter be put into the hands of our Examining Committee on Education and that said committee forward to Dr Breckenridge a report from this Presbytery

Resolved that our Commissioners be requested in the next General Assembly in accordance with the judgment of this Presbytery to sustain the the Synod of Philadelphia in the Case of Mr Barnes appeal and to vote against the appeal and complaint of Mr Barnes

Resolved that the Stated Clerk be directed to inform the Presbyteries of Orange, Fayetteville and Roanoke that it is our desire to have the new Synod of Western Carolina formed at the next General Assembly and request said Presbyteries to give consent for its formation by their Commissioners to the General Assembly

Resolved that the Revd Messrs S. Frontis and A. J. Leavenworth be directed to publish in the papers in Salisbury and Charlotte the time and place of our next meeting of Presbytery and request the Trustees of Davidson College to meet at the same time and place

Adjourned to meet at Bethel church on the Thursday in June next.

Concluded with prayer

Bethel Church 1st of June, 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Present.

Ministers	Elders
Revd James McRee D.D.	Alexander Letton
" John Robinson D.D.	Wm Allison
" John Williamson	Robt D Alexander
" W. L. Pharr	Abner Alexander
" John McErwin	Francis Beattie
" Robt H Morrison	Amos Alexander
" Stephen Frontis	Saml Lemly
" Samuel Williamson	Dact Joseph W. Ross
" Henry N. Pharr	Thomas A Bell
" Saml L Watson	Wm McKee
" Andrew J Lockridge	John McLorance
" James E Morrison	

The Revd Samuel Paisley presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Orange to join this Presbytery Whereupon Resolved that Mr Paisley be and he hereby is received as a member of the Presbytery of Concord.

The Minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read, and the Presbytery suspended its business to give an opportunity to the Trustees of Davidson College to meet and organize.

Presbytery resuming business a letter was read from the Revd John M. McCaldwell assigning satisfactory

reasons for his absence from the present Session
A letter was received from the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Morganton containing an extract from the minutes of the said Presbytery respectfully inviting the Members of the Presbytery to aid them as heretofore in Missionary labors; Whereupon Resolved that the Standing Members of this Presbytery supply as directed by a resolution of 1834 assigning Missionary labors for the destitute parts of our bounds

Presbytery being informed that the Committee appointed at our last Stated Session to install the Revd James E Morrison Pastor of the congregation of Bethpage and Concord-Town, had providentially failed to attend to that duty — Resolved that the same Committee meet at Concord-Town on the friday before the 4th Sab in July next and install the Revd James E Morrison Pastor of the above named congregations

After some time spent in deliberation Presbytery Resolved to proceed to elect a President for Davidson College — and the votes having been taken the Revd Samuel B. Wilson of Fredricksburg Va was reported to have been unanimously elected Whereupon Resolved that the Revd Messrs John Williamson and Robt H. Morrison be a committee to inform Mr Wilson of his election and to invite his acceptance of the appointment

Mr Thomas Robinson was unanimously elected to the office of Steward and Farmer of Davidson College and Col William Allison & Charles W Harris Esqs were appointed a committee to inform Mr Robinson

of his election and invite his acceptance of the appointment

Presbytery having learned from the printed Minutes of the Presbytery of S.C. that said presbytery have appointed a committee to confer with this Presbytery on the subject of uniting with us in our undertaking to build up a Manual Labor College

Whereupon Resolved that a committee of four Ministers and two Elders be appointed by this Presbytery to confer with the Committee of the Presbytery of S. Ca — to invite them to visit the location of our proposed College, and as far as practicable make arrangements with them for a plan, or conditions of united action, to be submitted to the presbyteries respectively whereby they may cooperate in building up and controlling Davidson College

On this Committee were appointed the Revd Messrs J Williamson R. H. Morrison W. L. Pharr & John Robinson D.D with Dan Joseph W. Ross & Wm Lee Davidson Esq Elders

Mr Robt McDowel a Graduate of Hampden Sidney College was introduced to Presbytery as desirous to put himself under our care with a view to the Ministry of the Gospel

Presbytery having received satisfactory testimonials of his good Moral Character & of his being a regular Member of the Presbyterian Church in good standing proceeded to examine him on experimental religion and his motives for seeking the office of the holy ministry; which examinations were satisfactory, Whereupon Resolved that Mr McDowel be

taken under our care as a candidate
for the Gospel ministry
For Special reasons Mr McDaniels examination
on the Languages and Science was deferred for
the present
Adjourned to meet at Ramah Church
on the 2nd Wednesday of Oct. 1836 at 11 Oclock

Concluded with prayer

Samuel Williamson Stated Clk

Synod of North Carolina in Session at
Shiloh Church 23rd Sept. 1837—
Thus far reviewed and approved—

N. H. Harding Moderator—

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Presbytery of Concord

from October 12th 1836

to September 30th 1846.

Order of the roll of the members of Concord Presbytery according to their seniority in the ministry; with the date of their ordination.

Names.	Ordained.
1 Rev. John Robinson, D.D.	about the year 1795
2. " John B. Davies	
3. " Walter L. Shaw	November 18th. 182
4. " Robert H. Morrison, D.D.	April 21st. 182
5. " Samuel Williamson	May 24th. 182
6. " Stephen Frontis	November 4th. 182
7. " Cyrus Johnston	November 182
8. " Henry N. Shaw	June 9th. 182
9. " Daniel A. Penick	December 182
10. " James Rea	June 182
11. " J. Le Roy Davies	June 23d. 182
12. " William A. Hall	November 10th. 182
13. " Albertus L. Watts	December 183
14. " Andrew J. Lockridge	May 25th. 183
15. " Daniel Lindley	November 7th. 183
16. " John L. M'Eachron	June 183
17. " Thomas D. Johnston	October 4th. 183
18. " James M. H. Adams	May 183
19. " James E. Morrison	September 19th. 183
20. " James D. Hall	November 183
21. " John M. M. Caldwell	October 31st. 183
22. " Henry Graham	
23. " John M. Wilson	November 10th. 183
24. " William A. Morrison	November 10th. 183
25. " James A. W. Freeman	March 183
26. " Frederick R. Koch	November 183
27. " Samuel Murray	March 183
28. " H. B. Cunningham	November 7th. 184
29. " E. F. Rockwell	December 15th. 184
30. " John E. M'Elwee	[illegible] [illegible]

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Records of the Presbytery of Concord 1836.

Ramah Church 12th Oct 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd John M Erwin the Moderator from the 12th verse of the 5th Chapt of the Epistle to the Romans, and constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	William Allison
" Samuel Paisley	John Nance
" John Williamson	Robt D. Alexander
" Walter L Pharr	Caleb Erwin
" John M Erwin	Elam Templeton
" Robert H Morrison	John Howie
" Stephen Frantis	Matthw McCall
" Samuel Williamson	William Rea
" Henry N Pharr	William Stephenson
" William A Hall	James Linn
" Samuel L Watson	William Gibson
" Andrew J Lockridge	George Andrews
" James E Morrison	Abel Graham
" John M M Caldwell	Mr. ... McDougan

Absent Revd James McKee DD, Daniel A Penick, Abner S. Leavenworth, Patrick S. Sparrow, Daniel Lindly, Thomas P Johnston & Alexander E Wilson

The Revd Andrew G Lockridge was chosen Moderator and the Revd Samuel L Watson Clerk

The Revds Messrs John L Davies and John Douglas of the Presbytery of Bethel, and James M H Adams of the Presbytery of Morgantown being present were invited to sit as corresponding members

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions and of the intermediate Sessions of Presbytery were Read

The Committee appointed to install the Revd James E Morrison Pastor of Concord-Town and Bethpage, reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them

A communication was received from Back-Creek Church requesting; answers to certain questions, therein proposed to Presbytery, which was ordered to lie on the table for further consideration

The Revd A.G. Lockridge requested the dissolution of the pastoral Relation between him and Third Creek Church and the Congregation of Third Creek having by their delegate in presbytery assented to the dissolution Whereupon Resolved that the pastoral relation between the Revd A.G. Lockridge, (~~he and it hereby is dissolved~~) and the Congregation of Third Creek, be and it hereby is dissolved and said congregation declared vacant

Adjourned to meet at the house of the Revd Walter S Pharr this evening at 7 oclock

Concluded with prayer

7 O'clock P.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment at the house of Mr Pharr and was constituted with prayer — present as above except those absent with leave

The Revd Aberlel L Watts of the Presbytery of Morganton being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member. Messrs Junius B. King and James P. McPherson candidates for the Ministry under our care who have

been for some time pursuing their Studies at the Union Theo. Sem were examined on Theology and church history.

Adjourned to meet at the church tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Concluded with prayer

Bamek Church Oct 13th 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as on yesterday, and the minutes of yesterday and last night were Read

Mr Junius B. King read a critical exercise on the 1st Chapt of the Epistle to the Hebrews and Mr J.P. McPherson a critical exercise from the first 15 verses of the 3 Chapt 1st Epistle to the Cor. .

On Motion Resolved, That the Southern Christian Herald published weekly in Cheraw S.C. be recommended to the members of our congregations and Churches as a religious paper, in every respect worthy of their patronage, and as the only religious paper published at the South which thoroughly inculcates and defends, the doctrines and form of Government contained in the Standards of the Presbyterian Church.

A communication was Read from the Revd Patrick J. Sparrow giving satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

The Revds J Williamson & Stephen Frontis were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly and report any items that may require the action of Presbytery

The Revd John M Erwin and Mr Abel Graham Elder were appointed a committee to examine Session Books and report thereon

Mr William N. Morrison a Licentiate under our care applied for a dismission, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Morganton Whereupon resolved that the request of Mr Morrison be granted, and that he be and

he hereby is dismissed from this Presbytery and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Morganton as a Licentiate in good and regular Standing

The Revd Robt H. Morrison and S.L. Watson and Col William Allison Elder were appointed a Committee on the present State of our Church, to report on tomorrow at 10 Oclock and to present to Presbytery what measure or measures it may be thought expedient to adopt in the present critical State of the Church

The Revd Robt H. Morrison and Mr Robt D. Alexander were appointed a committee to examine the Books and accounts of the Revd John Williamson Treasurer pro tem and also those of Wm Lee Davidson Esqr Treas of Davidson College and report thereon to Presbytery

Letters were received from the Revds Patrick J. Sparrow and Mr Rufus H. Kilpatrick our Commissioners to the last Gen Assembly, Stating that they have attended to the duties assigned them.

Resolved that Mr R. H. Kilpatrick be requested to permit so much of his letter to be published as Presbytery may deem proper

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Revd John Williamson Treasurer pro tem and of Wm L. Davidson Esqr Treasurer of Davidson College reported to Presbytery that the Revd John Williamson had received from various persons $4787. 15 Cts

Amount paid out by him to different persons deducted for which he holds vouchers $4679.90

Amount paid over to Wm L Davidson Treas 107.25

Accounts all Correct. 4787. 15

Amount Recd from Wm L. Davidson Esqr Treas from Sundry persons $701.45

Paid out by him for which he has vouchers 700 97

Balance in his hand as Treas at this time 48 Cts

Accounts all Correct Signed R H Morrison
R D Alexander

Ordered that the Revd S. Fronts obtain from Col. Lemly a receipt for the monies collected by him on the subscription to Davidson college in Salisbury. and place the same in the hands of Wm L Davidson Esqr Treasurer

The Committee on Session Books Reported that they have examined the Books of Third Creek and Salem and find them correctly kept and recommend that they be approved which report was accepted

The communication from the Session of Back-Creek Church was taken up which requested from Presbytery answer to the following enquiries, Viz 1st What is the Standing of that individual who withdraws from the Church of which he was a regular Member; and either absents himself from the house of God altogether, or goes to some other Church without a regular Certificate?

2nd What is the Standing of that individual who sends a written communication, to the Session of the Church of which he was a member saying that he withdraws from the Church when the Session is ready to grant his request?

After due consideration Presbytery gave the following answer to each of the questions Viz "The Individuals Standing is irregular and he is subject to discipline"

The committee appointed to correspond with the Revd Samuel B Wilson who was elected President of Davidson College, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Revd S. B. Wilson respectfully declined accepting the office to which he had been elected by this Presbytery.

The Revd D. Hall of Orange Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member

The Revd H. N. Pharr had leave of absence

Resolved that Presbytery meet at Centre Church on the 1st

day of Nov. next for the purpose of electing officers for Davidson College and that the members of the Presbyteries of Morganton and Bethel be invited to meet and vote with us in said election ✓

The Committee appointed to correspond with Mr Thomas Robinson who had been elected Steward of Davidson College reported that Mr Robinson had declined accepting the office to which he was elected

The committee appointed to meet and confer with a committee from the Presbytery of St Bar on their proposition to visit the site of our Manual Labor institution Reported that the Committee from the Presbytery of S.C. have not met them and that nothing of importance has yet been done towards the object proposed in the appointment of the Committee which report was accepted

The Revd Stephen Frontis was directed to reply to the letter from the Revd P. I. Sparrow

Mr Abel Graham was unanimously elected to the office of Steward and Farmer for Davidson College. The members of Presbytery who did Missionary labor last Summer reported and their reports were accepted. Adjourned to met at the house of Revd W. S. Pharr this evining at 7 oclock.

Closed with prayer

At Mr Pharr's 7 oclock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer Present as above except those absent with leave. Messrs J. B. King and J. P. McPherson read each a Latin Exegesis and a Popular Lecture on the subjects previously assigned them and Mr McPherson was examined on his literary course all of which together with their parts of trial previously exhibited were

considered and sustained Adjourned to met tomorrow morning at Ramah Church at 9 oclk

Concluded with prayer

Ramah Church 14th Oct 1836 — 9 oclk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer — present as above and the minutes of yesterday were read

The committee appointed on the Minutes of the Gen Assembly reported the following Items as demanding the attention of Presbytery Viz 1st an overture sent down to the Churches on page 274 proposing an alteration of the Constitution on the subject of appeals. decision on this overture deferred to our next Stated Sessions 2nd On page 276 requiring the Presbyteries to send up their decision on the proposed alteration of the constitution of our Church so as to make three years instead of two the required term of Theological Study previous to licensure. On which resolved that this Presbytery approve the proposed change in the constitution and recommend that three years be made the term of Theological Study.

Item 3. on page 277. Presbytery adopted the resolution of the Gen Assembly recommending to the ministers and churches under their care to observe the 1st Monday in Janry 1837 as a day of humiliation fasting and prayer for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the world. &c

Item 4th on Page 277 on the Contingent fund of the Gen Assembly. Ordered that a collection be taken up in the Churches for the contingent fund of the Gen Assembly.

The committee appointed on the State of the Church reported and their report was accepted and unanimously adopted and is as follows Viz

Whereas the present State of the Presbyterian Church is mournfully agitated by conflicting Sentiments and feelings in reference to essential doctrines and important Measures; and the evils resulting from such contention are becoming more extensive and alarming; The Presbytery of Concord deem it right to express their testimony in favor of soundness of doctrine and regularity of discipline. We believe that the peace and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church in this country, may be justly attributed to the blessing of God upon the truth of his Word, as embodied in our Standards, and feel bound to deplore a departure from that honest regard and solemn veneration taught by our Forefathers, for our Confession of Faith and Catechisms, as utterly inconsistent with sound knowledge and true piety. Should the reckless and growing contempt of our Standards, which has been recently manifested, only continue, we have just grounds to fear that the constitution of our Church will soon be perverted, the purity of its doctrines corrupted, and the blessing of its Glorious Head withdrawn

In the artful and zealous efforts which are now made to conceal or palliate the existence of grave errors, we recognize only the unvarying features by which heresy, in all ages has attempted to hide its progress, and secure its triumphs

As all Ministers in our connexion who have been lawfully ordained, have most solemnly promised to "be sound and faithful in maintaining the truths of the gospel, and the purity and peace of the Church," – it must be regarded, as a duty to God and to the souls of Men, to preserve ourselves and to secure to posterity the faith delivered to the Saints.

Therefore Resolved that all who love the prosperity of our Zion should feel themselves called upon to cherish a Spirit of humble and importunate prayer to God for wisdom to direct, and for his divine interposition to make darkness light and crooked things straight

2nd That Christian honesty and a regard to truth and righteousness should constrain those ministers who mistake our Standards and disturb our Church to seek a connexion more congenial to their feelings and principles

3 That the alienation, discord, and strife which now rend our beloved Church should call forth the deep humiliation of all good men before God, and awaken their anxiety for the speedy termination of these evils,

4 That the Stability and glory of the Church do not consist in numbers, pecuniary resources or worldly distinctions; but in the presence, favor, and protection of the Lord, who has revealed his truth for its existence and advancement

5 That the friends of Orthodoxy throughout our Country should with deliberation and firmness co-operate in every prudent effort, to secure, what true presbyterians cannot surrender, and that to guard against all precipitancy, and afford ample space for the repentance and reformation of erring brethren, it be respectfully recommended to await the decisions of another General Assembly

6 That rather than surrender the truth, or perpetuate the present distracting agitation, we will feel bound to submit to a decision of the Church upon any plan which may be found most conducive to peace and good order

7 That should a convention be found necessary to secure unity of sentiment and action we would sanction its being called

8 That while we believe it to be right honestly and faithfully to preserve and defend the doctrines of our Church, we earnestly solicit all our people to cultivate the peaceful and Charitable Spirit of the Gospel and to pray to God for the revival and progress of pure and undefiled Religion

Ordered that the above report be published in the Southern Christian Herald

Resolved that Presbytery will hold their next Stated Sessions at the Church of Thyatira on the 2nd Wednesday in March 1837

Mr J. P. McPherson delivered a popular Sermon from the 16 Verse of the 3d Chapt of John's Gospel

Mr J. B. King delivered a popular Sermon from the 1st verse 5th Chapt Rom, both which were considered and sustained as part of trial preparatory to Licensure. Presbytery then proceed to license their young Brethren to preach the Gospel and the following record was entered by. At Ramah Church 14th Oct 1836 The Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Mr James P McPherson and Mr Junius B King of their having gone through a regular Course of Literature of their good Moral Character, and of their being in the Communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion and as to their proficiency in divinity and other Studies; the presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and they having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, and

satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed. the Presbytery did and hereby do license them the said James P. McPherson and Junius B King to preach the gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministry within the bounds of this presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

Resolved that it is no part of our plan to append a Theological Department to the Institution of Davidson College

A Call was presented from the Congregation of Ramah for one half the Ministerial Labors of the Revd Walter L Pharr which call was returned to the congregation on the ground that the support offered was deemed not sufficient

Resolved that the Trustees of Davidson College be authorized to have fifty acres of Land cleared for the benefit of the Institution

Resolved that it be recommended to the Sessions of our Churches to collect the second instalment due to Davidson College and also the balance of the first instalment not yet paid at as early a period as possible

Adjourned to Meet at Centre Church on the 2nd Wednesday Nov.

Concluded with prayer

S Williamson Clerk

Centre Church 9th Nov 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	John Johnson
" John Williamson	Robt D. Alexander
" Walter L. Pharr	Caleb Erwin
" ~~Samuel Paisly~~	Joseph Davidson
" John M Erwin	Elam Templeton
" Robt H Morrison	Alex Robinson
" Samuel Williamson	Doct Joseph W. Ross
" Jno A Hall	Gillespie Culbertson
" Patrick J Sparrow	Moses Boyd
" Alnus I Leavenworth	Wm M C Ree
" Andrew Y. Lockridge	Wm B King
" James C Morrison	Matthew B Lock
	Robt Johnston
Absent	John Nance
Revd James M C Ree D.D.	Thomas A Bell
" Stephen Frontis	
" Henry N. Pharr	
" Daniel Penick	
" Saml L Watson	
" John M M Caldwell	
" Samuel Bayley	

The members being called on for their contributions to the Missionary funds paid as follows. Revd Dr Robinson $10 Hopewell Church $9.25 R. H Morrison $12 Providence Church $16 A. Y. Lockridge $8 J. M. Erwin $5 Bethel Church $5 making in all $65 25/100. The following Members paid each one dollar to the Contingent funds of Presbytery viz

the Revd. J Robinson D.D. J Williamson W. L. Pharr J M. Erwin R H. Morrison P. Williamson H. N. Pharr William A Hall A.Y. Lockridge J. C. Monison A. I. Leavenworth and S. Paisly = $12

The Revd Messrs James L. Adams & Wm B. Davies of Bethel Presbytry and John S. McCutchan James M H Adams and Albertus L Watts of Morganton Presbytry being present were invited to sit as corresponding Members

Mr Robt Potts was elected a Trustee of Davidson College in the place of Doct Abram Alexander removed to the West. This meeting having been appointed for the purpose of electing officers for Davidson College and the Presbyteries of Bethel and Morganton having been invited to meet and vote with us, there were present from the Presbytery of Bethel Revd James L Adams & Wm. B. Davies and James T Hemphill Elder and from the Presbytry of Morganton Revd John S. McCutchan James M. H. Adams and A L Watts and Wm Benson Elder

A Letter from the Revd James M C Ree DD was received and read and ordered to be filed with the papers of Presbytery

Presbytery being informed that the College Chapel cannot be finished by the 1st of Jany next. Resolved that the Institution shall commence before the finishing of the Chapel and that Students shall be received to the number that the building prepared can accommodate

Mr Abel Graham elected at our last Stated Session to the office of Steward and former for our Institution accepted the appointment

On consideration of the Salary previously affixed to the office of President of Davidson College presbytery deemed it necessary to raise the Salary of the President Whereupon Resolved

that the Salary of the President shall be
$1200 per annum
Presbytery proceeded to vote by ballot for a Presidt
and the Members from Bethel and Morganton Pres
were invited to vote with us
The votes were committed to the Revd John S.
M'Cutchan and James E Morrison to count
and report thereon
The committee after counting reported that the
Revd R H. Morrison was elected President
† Resolved that Presbytery will meet at the
College on the 21st Dec to hear the answer
of Mr Morrison whether he will accept
the office to which he has been elected. ✓
Presbytery in consideration of the course pursued
by the majority of the last Gen Assembly on
the subject of the Western Board of Foreign
Missions, and believing that the decision of
the Assembly in that case was unrighteous
and injurious to the interests of the Presbyterian
Church — Resolved that in the opinion of
this Presbytery it is desirable that the Central Board
of Foreign Missions under the control of the
Synods of Va. & N.C. withdraw its connexion
from the A. B. C. F. M. and become connected
with the Western Board under the Control of
the Synod of Pittsburg, and that we will
endeavour to secure the transfer at the next
meeting of the Synod of N.C.
The Revd Patrick I Sparrow who was authorized
to act as an agent for Davidson College during
last summer reported that he had raised in
the North in subscriptions and donations near one
thousand dollars. Adjourned to meet at Fayetteville
during the session of Synod Concluded with prayer

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment
and was constituted with prayer
Present Revd John Robinson D.D Stephen Frontis
Henry N Pharr P. I. Sparrow James E Morrison
and John M. M. Caldwell
There appearing no business demanding
the attention of Presbytery,
Adjourned to meet at Davidson
College on the 21st Dec 1836
Concluded with prayer

Davidson College 21st Dec 1836

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and in absence of the Moderator was constituted with prayer by the Revd John Robinson D.D.

Ministers Present	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	Col Wm Allison
" John Williamson	Caleb Erwin
" Walter L Pharr	Francis Beatties
" Robt H Morrison	S Caldwell
" Saml Williamson	Doct Jos W Ross
" Henry A Pharr	Jos Watts
" John M Erwin	Wm Flemming
" S L Watson	Danl Parks
" Patrick J. Sparrow	Robt Potts
" Wm A Hall	Wm B James Wood
" Andrew Y Lockridge	
" James E Morrison	

The Revd Robt H Morrison who had been elected to the Presidency of Davidson College being called upon to make known to Presbytery whether he would accept the appointment answered that he accepted the same

The Revd A L Watts and J M H Adams of the Presbytery of Morganton being present were invited to sit as corresponding Members

The prices of Tuition in Davidson College were fixed were fixed at the following rate viz for Languages & Sciences $15 per Session English Gram Geography &c. $10 per Session

The price of Boarding in the College was fixed at $6 per month

Resolved that persons who live in the vicinity

be permitted to send their sons and board them at home provided they conform to the rules and regulations of the college. the privilege of this resolution to be limited to one year.

Resolved that the 1st day of March be determined on for the commencement of Davidson College the vacations to consist of two months August and Feby. Resolved that the Beneficiaries under the care of Presbytery be expected to prosecute their Studies at Davidson College if they receive aid from the Education Board

Resolved that Messrs Sparrow and R H Morrison be a Committee to have published all necessary information in reference to Davidson College

Resolved that R.H. Burton Esqr Revd R.H. Morrison and P.J. Sparrow be a committee with power to grant lease to such persons as may wish to build near to Davidson College and on its Lands

Resolved unanimously that a Tutor for Davidson College be appointed at this time and that the Salary of this Tutor be four hundred dollars in addition to his Board at the Stewards Table

Mr Mortimor D Johnston was then unanimously elected Tutor

Resolved that the Building committee be authorized to have any improvements made in the Professors houses or their Lots necessary to make their families comfortable Resolved that the tuition & Board be paid in advance for each Session, Tuition money to be paid to the President and money for Board to the Steward. Adjourned to meet at Hyatts Church on the 2nd Wednesday in March 1837

Concluded with prayer

Shyatira Church 8th of March 1837

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Revd Andrew Y. Lockridge the Moderator from the 8th verse of the 12 Chapt Rom, and constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministry	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	Robt Caldwell
" John Williamson (x)	James C Montgomery
" Walter L. Pharr	Wm Lee Davidson
" Samuel Baisley	Elis Ramsower
" John M Erwin	James Gimmison
" Robt H. Morrison	John F. M.C Neely
" Stephen Frontis	Wm M C Ginnis
" Samuel Williamson	John Houpe
" Daniel A Penick	John Morrison
" Samuel L Watson	Jonathan Reid
" Wm A Hall	Samuel Frost
" Patrick I Sparrow	Wm N. Stephenson
" Andrew Y. Lockridge	George Andrews
" James C Morrison	James Tillman
" John M M Caldwell	Farquhar D. McRea
	Reuben H Kilpatrick
Absent	Joseph Baker
Revd James McRee D.D.	
" John Williamson	
" Henry N. Pharr	
" Daniel Lindley	
" Thomas P. Johnston	
" Alexander E Wilson	
" Abner I Leavenworth	

The Revd Daniel A Penick was chosen Moderator and the Revd James C Morrison Clerk, and the Minutes of the last Stated Session and of the

intermediate Sessions were read
The Revd Messrs Daniel A Penick, Stephen Samuel
L. Watson & Samuel Baisly gave satisfactory reasons
for absence from the adjourned meeting at
Centre, & Mr Penick from the last Stated Session
The Revd A. Y. Lockridge reported that he had
received a letter from Mr Mortemer D. Johnston
signifying his acceptance of the appointment
of tutor in Davidson College
A call was presented from Lebanon Church
for three fourths the ministerial labors of
the Revd Colin McCaldwell, which was put
into the hand of Mr Caldwell for his
consideration
The Revd Robt H Morrison requested a dissolu-
tion of the Pastoral relation between him &
the Congregation of Sugar Creek
and the Congregation through their Commis-
sioners in presbytery having given their consent,
thereupon Resolved that the request be granted
and that the pastoral relation between the
Revd Robt H Morrison and the Congregation of
Sugar Creek be, and it hereby is dissolved
and that Congregation declared vacant
The Revd James D Hall, a member of the Presbytery
of Orange being present, was invited to sit
as a Corresponding Member
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at
9 oclock — Concluded with prayer

Thursday Morning 9 oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and
was constituted with prayer, present as on yesterday
and the Minutes of yesterday were read
The Revd Stephen Frontis, and William A Hall

were appointed a committee of Supplies
The Revd Samuel L Watson reported a new church
built in Mecklenburg County, and petitioned Presbytery
for leave to organize at said Church a regular
presbyterian Congregation, to be under our care
whereupon Resolved that leave be granted and
that the Revd S.L. Watson and J Williamson be
a committee to meet on their own appointment
and organize the said congregation
The Revd Henry N. Pharr appeared in presbytery and
rendered satisfactory reasons for absence on yesterday
and took his seat
Presbytery took up overture. No. 9. sent down from
the Gen Assembly on page 274. of the printed minutes
proposing an alteration in the Constitution of our
Church so as to prevent appeals going up to the
Gen Assembly except in certain cases
Whereupon Resolved that this Presbytery do not agree
to the proposed alteration, and that we give a
negative answer to said overture
Ordered that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay
to the Revd Colin McIver Treasurer of the Synod
of N.C. twenty eight dollars & 83 1/3/100 in compli-
ance with an assessment of Synod made
at their last Stated Session
Mr Joseph Baker an elder from Bethpage
Church appeared in Presbytery and took his
seat
The Revd A. Y. Lockridge and Robt Caldwell
were appointed a committee to assess upon
the members of Presbytery a sum sufficient to
meet the Claims of the Treasurer of Synod
and of our Stated Clerk
The Revd Walter L. Pharr and Mr George

Andrews ruling Elder were elected Commissioners from this Presbytery to the next Gen Assembly & the Revd Stephen Frontis and Wm King Edgerton Elder their alternate

Resolved that our Commissioners to the Gen Assembly, be, and they hereby are appointed on behalf of this Presbytery delegates to the Convention of Orthodox ministers & Elders which is to meet in Philadelphia on the Thursday before the meeting of the Gen Assembly to consult vote and determine on all matters that may come before that body touching the present State of our Church.

Ordered that our Stated Clerk, furnish our Commissioners with a copy of the resolution authorizing them to act as delegates in the Convention to meet in Philadelphia

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Education Society pay to Wm Barr fifty two dollars for the tuition of Wm Shinn D. McNeely John Phillips Wm Scroggs Thomas Hamilton & Elijah Alexander ✓

The Treasurer of Presbytery being absent, The Revd Stephen Frontis was appointed Treasurer pro. tem.

2 Oclock this afternoon was appointed for the preconversation on the State of religion, and Revd P. L. Watson & W. N. Sharr were appointed a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative

The Revd John M. Erwin had leave of absence to 9 oclock tomorrow morning.

The Revd A. Y. Lockridge from the committee of assessment reported that one dollar and $\frac{25}{100}$ from each member of

Presbytery would meet the claims of the Treasurer of Synod and of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery

The Congregation of Third creek through their representative in presbytery asked and obtained leave to prosecute a call before the Presbytery of Morganton for the ministerial labors of the Revd James M. H. Adams

The Revd James M. H. Adams of the Presbytery of Morganton being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

At 2 oclock Presbytery proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion

The Revd Daniel A. Penick having accepted a call from the congregation of Rocky River The Revd John Robinson D D & the Revd Robt H. Morrison were appointed a committee to install him Pastor of said congregation on the 1st Sabbath before the first Sabbath in May next The Revd R H. Morrison to preach the installation Sermon and Dr Robinson to preside and give the Charge to the Pastor & to the Congregation

The committee of supplies reported and their report was adopted and is as follows Viz.

Revd A. Y. Lockridge & John M Wilson to supply on Sabbath at Bethany & administer the Sacrament, Revd Henry N. Sharr & John M Wilson on Sat at Tabor & administer the Sacrament Revd A. L. Learmonth & James E. Morrison one Sab. at Union & administer the Sacrament Revd D. A. Penick & S Williamson one Sab at Philadelphia & administer the Sacrament Revd Dr Robinson & John M. McCaldwell one Sabbath at Sugar Creek & administer the Sacrament Revd Stephen Frontis & P. L. Sparrow one Sab

at Third Creek and administer the Sacra
ment.— and the Revd L H Erwin J William
son L L Walker R. H. Morrison P. I Sparrow
and S Paisley each to supply the pulpit
of our commissioners to the Gen Assembly
one Sabbath, and Revd Wm A Hall to
supply one day at discretion
Resolved that the Standing members of
this Presbytery be and they hereby are directed
to comply with the arrangemen of the Pres
in 1834 concerning Missionary Labors
Ordered that the Treasurer of Davidson
College keep all the money paid on the
second annual instalment; in his hands
until the Contractors for the buildings render
an account of all monies they have rec
and that a fair estimate of the work
that is now completed be made; and that
the Contractors be paid on the second
instalment only so much as is due for
the work already done.
Resolved that the Trustees of Davidson College
of the third Class, whose time has expired
be continued until next Oct.
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at
9 oclock Concluded with prayer

Thyatira Church. 10th March. 1837
Presbytery met according to adjournment
and was constituted with prayer
Ordered that the Stated Clerk of this
Presbytery furnish the Stated Clerk of the
Presbytery of Bethel with a copy of the
proceedings of this Presbytery shewing the

terms on which they are associated with us
in the management of Davidson College
Resolved that our Commissioners to the next Gen
Assembly be instructed to use their influence to
have a new Synod formed consisting of the
Presbyteries of Concord Morganton & Bethel: and
that our Stated Stated Clerk write to the Sta Clk
of the Presbytery of Bethel requesting them to
unite with us in the formation of a new
Synod
Resolved that the Revd W. L. Pharr be authorized
to receive money that may be paid to the
Contingent fund of the Gen Assembly and
also for the minutes by such members as
may wish to receive them
The following sums were paid to Mr
Pharr viz Revd P. Williamson $1. W. L. Pharr $1
James C Morrison 50/100 J Paisley $2-50/100 Stephen
Frontz 50/100 Daniel A. Penick $2: A Y Lackey
50/100

Resolved that the executive committee of
domestick missions be required to make
a report of their proceedings at our next
Stated Sessions and that a member of
the Presbytery be now appointed to preach
a missionary sermon during at our fall
sessions.— accordingly the Revd P. I.
Sparrow was appointed to preach the mis
ionary sermon
Ordered that the Treasurer of the Education
Society pay R. Kirkpatrick Esq thirty eight
dollars for the boarding of Wm Scroggs

one of our beneficiaries
Mr Farquhar McRae ruling elder from Lebanon had leave of absence
The Revd John M M Caldwell had leave to retain for his consideration until our next Stated Sessions the call presented to him from Lebanon Church
A letter was read by the Stated Clerk from Mr Stanhope W. Erwin a candidate for the Gospel ministry under our care, requesting a dismission from the care of this Presbytery, to put himself under the care of Flint River Presbytery Whereupon Resolved, that inasmuch as Presbytery have not been satisfied with the general deportment of Mr S.W. Erwin since he has been under our care, and believe that there are grounds to doubt his Christian prudence and piety, and of the propriety of his entering the ministry; therefore we cannot give him a regular dismission to put himself under the care of another Presbytery; nor do we believe it will be our duty to license Mr Erwin to preach the Gospel, until we have satisfactory evidence of a more prudent, humble and pious Spirit, in him, than his course has hitherto manifested
Ordered that the Stated Clerk write an affectionate letter to Mr Erwin, accompanied with a copy of the above resolution
Resolved that the next Stated Sessions of this Presbytery be held in Statesville to commence on the 2nd Wednesday in

Oct next. at 11 Oclk A.M.
The committee appointed to prepare a narration on the State of religion within our bounds reported and their report was accepted and adopted and directed to be forwarded to the Gen Assembly by our Commissioners
Resolved that the Revd P. J. Sparrow, R. H. Morrison and Mr Abel Graham be a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Davidson College
According to a standing rule presbytery suspended business to hear the Doctrinal Sermon by the Revd W. S. Pharr Subject "the Providence of God"
After the Sermon Presbytery proceeded to business & appointed Revd R. H. Morrison to preach at our next Stated Sessions on the subject of "Gods Covenant with man", and Revd Stephen Frontis his alternate. Subject. "Christ the mediator"
Money for the Commissioners fund being called for the following sums were paid in. Viz. Concord Church $3. Back Creek $4-93¾ Salisbury $6. Prospect $3.00 Steel Creek $6. Mallard Creek $3 Hopewell $5. Poplar Tent. $5 Sugar creek $5. Lebanon $3.50 Rocky River $8. Bethpage & Concord Town $4. W A Hall $3, Centre $2. Sand Trust $1 Bethany $3.00 Fourth Creek $7. Thyatira $4 Providence $5. Wm Lee Davidson $5 Robt H. Morrison $5 P. J. Sparrow $3 Third Creek $5.

making in all $100.43¾
Ordered that our Treasurer pro tem pay to our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly fifty dollars each to bear their expenses

Ordered that the Treasurer of our Education Society pay in advance the amount that may be necessary to enable our beneficiaries to prosecute their Studies at Davidson College

Ordered that the Treasurer of the Education Society pay John Howie and Nathan Philips their accounts for boarding our beneficiaries

Ordered that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay the Stated Clerk $12. the amount of expenses incurred by him. in purchasing of a book for records. and in postage and paper for the Presbytery up to this date

Resolved that the report of the Education Society be postponed until our fall Sessions

Ordered that the Treasurer of Davidson College pay the Revd P. I. Sparrow. for two months Service in the College and that he pay the Professors Semi-annually in advance

Adjourned to meet at Poplartent Church on the 12th day of May next at 12 Oclock.

Concluded with prayer

Poplar-Tent Church 12th May 1831

The presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment & with prayer was ~~Presd~~ constituted

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	John Johnson
" R H Morrison	Robt Potts
" D. A. Penick	R. H. Kilpatrick
" S J Leavenworth	James Fillman
" James E Morrison	Thos. Kincade
	Robt D Alexander.

The Revd James D Hall, a member of the Presbytery of Orange, presented a regular dismission from the presbytery of Orange to join this presbytery. whereupon resolved that he be and he hereby is, received as a member of Concord Pres

A Call was presented to presbytery from the congregation of Thyatira for one half the ministerial labors of the Revd James D Hall; also a call from the congregation of Franklin for the other half of his labors; which Calls being found regular were put into the hands of Mr Hall and by him accepted

The Revd H. N. Pharr & Stephen Frontis were appointed a committee at Thyatira church on the Saturday before the 4 Sabbath Inst, and instal the Revd James D Hall as Pastor of that congregation; Mr Pharr to preside and give the Charge to the pastor, and people and Mr Frontis to preach the installation Sermon.

and the Revd Stephen Frontis and Wm A. Hall were appointed a committee to meet at Franklin church on the Saturday before the 3d Sabbath Inst, and instal the Revd James D. Hall Pastor of that congregation Mr Frontis to preside and give the charge to the Pastor & people, and Mr Hall to Preach the Sermon

The Revd Stephen Frontis appeared in Presbytery and

took his seat. The Revd James M H Adams presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Morganton to join this Presbytery; whereupon Resolved that the Revd James M. H. Adams be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery.

It appearing on the face of the dismission presented by Mr Adams that he has accepted a call from Third Creek Congregation; The Revd John Robinson D D P. J Sparrow and Stephen Frontis were appointed a committee to meet at Third Creek Church on the Saturday before the 1st Sab. in June next. and instal the Revd James M. H. Adams Pastor of that Congregation

The Revd John Robinson D.D. to preside and give the charge to the Pastor, & the Revd P. J. Sparrow to give the Charge to the people, & the Revd Stephen Frontis to preach the installation sermon

Resolved that Presbytery reconsider the appointment of the committee for the installation of the Revd James D. Hall Pastor of the congregation of Thyatira; and that the Revd James M. H. Adams be appointed in the place of Mr Frontis,

From the Representations of the Revd R. H. Morrison it appeared indispensably necessary that additional rooms be provided in Davidson College for the accommodation of Students Whereupon

Resolved that the building Committee be and they hereby are authorized to contract for the building of eight additional Rooms, and that said Committee be vested with discretionary power to erect one or two Story buildings; the walls to be of brick the covering of tin; and that the rooms be situated in a row with the other buildings for the accommodation of Students, either at the North or South end of said Row

Resolved that the Revd R H Morrison & P. J Sparrow be

authorized to organize a ~~church~~ Presbyterian Church at Davidson College, consisting of such individuals as are connected with the College

Resolved that the Revd R. H. Morrison Pres, & the Revd P. J. Sparrow Prof. be requested to spend a part of the ensuing vacation in Davidson College in soliciting funds for said College

Resolved that when Students enter Davidson College at any time after the commencement of a Session they shall be charged boarding only from the time they enter; provided one month of the session be expired; but entering at any time less than one month from the commencement of the term they shall pay for the whole term.

Students who may enter at any time before the middle of a session shall pay tuition for the whole ~~term~~ Session; at any time after the middle they shall pay for only half a session

Charges for board & Tuition shall in all cases cease when a Student leaves college with the approbation of the Faculty

Adjourned to meet at Statesville on the 2nd Wednesday in Oct Next

Concluded with prayer

James E Morrison Clk pro tem

Statesville Oct 11th 1837

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd Daniel A. Penick, the Moderator from the 28 Verse of the 20th Chapt of the Acts,, and constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	Col Wm Allison
" Samuel Paisley	Thomas Allison
" Walter L. Pharr	
" John M Erwin	Francis Beattie
" Stephen Frontis	
" Saml Williamson	Wm M Still
" Henry N. Pharr	Thomas Stephenson
" Daniel A Penick	Andrew Davies
" Saml L Wilson	James Sloan
" Patrick J Sparrow	
" Andrew P. Lockridge	George Andrews
" James E Morrison	Wm Flemming
" James D. Hall	James Gillimon
" James M H Adams	Benj Phifer
" John M. M. Caldwell	John McNeely
Absent	Daniel McIver
Revd James McRee D.D.	Richard Hall
" John Williamson	Laird Blair
" Robt H Morrison	
" Wm A Hall	
" A. J. Lawrence	
" Thomas P. Johnston	
" Daniel Lindley	
" Alex E. Wilson	

The Revd James E. Morrison was chosen Mod-

=erator, and the Revd Saml L Watson Clerk &
the Minutes of the last Stated Sessions were read.

The members of Presbytery who had been appointed to supply vacant Churches were called on to report and it appeared from their reports that the appointments had been generally fulfilled.

The Revd Angus Johnson, a member of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee appointed at the meeting at Poplar Tent to install the Revd James M. H. Adams and the Revd James D. Hall reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them.

The Revd Patrick J. Sparrow reported a newly organized church at Davidson College, to be called the College Church which was received as a regularly organized Presbyterian Church under our care.

The Revd Saml L. Watson reported a newly organized Church in Mecklenburg county, to be called Pleasant-Hill Church which was received as a regularly organized Presbyterian Church under our care.

The Revd John M. M. Caldwell into whose hands a call had been put from the Church of Lebanon reported that he did not accept said call.

Presbytery having ascertained that the amount of money heretofore paid to the commissioners funds did not bear the actual expenses, necessarily incurred by our commissioners

Therefore Resolved, that hereafter all the necessary travelling expenses of our commissioners to the Gen Assembly be paid by the Presbytery.

A call was presented to presbytery from the congregation of Sugar Creek for three fourth of the ministerial labors of the Revd John M. M. Caldwell, which being found regular and in order was put

into the hands of Mr Caldwell and by him accepted.

Whereupon Resolved, that The Revd John Robinson D. D. R. H. Morrison & Saml Williamson be a committee, to meet at Sugar Creek Church on the Sat. before the 2nd Sab. in Nov next and install the Revd John M. M. Caldwell Pastor of that congregation: that Dr Robinson preside and give the Charge to the congregation — R. H. Morrison preach the installation sermon and S. Williamson give the Charge to the pastor.

A Call was presented to Presbytery for two thirds of the ministerial labors of Mr John M. Wilson a licentiate under our care, from the congregation of Bethany which call was put into the hands of Mr Wilson for his consideration.

A Petition was presented to Presbytery Signed by a number of individuals, of the vicinity of New Union praying the organization of a Presbyterian Church in their neighborhood: which was laid on the table for farther consideration.

A Petition was received from the Church of Lebanon requesting the ordination of Mr J. P. McPherson a licentiate under our care, and now preaching to the congregation of Lebanon.

Whereupon resolved that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Lebanon Church, to commence on the friday before the 1st Sab. in Dec next.

A letter was received through the moderator from Mr Randolph W. Erwin, which was referred to Messrs W. S. Pharr & Saml Williamson to report thereon as soon as convenient.

The Revs. Samuel Williamson, P. J. Sparrow & Mr George Andrews were appointed a committee on the State of the Church to report during the present Session.

The Revd Daniel A Penick & Andrew Y Lockridge were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the last

General Assembly, and to repeal any items that may claim the attention of Presbytery.

The committee to whom the letter from Mr. L. W. Erwin, was refered, reported, that it, together with two other letters from Mr Erwin to the Stated Clerk should be read in Presbytery: for their consideration; which repot was accepted. and the letters from Mr Erwin were read

Whereupon resolved that inasmuch as the communication from Mr Erwin, are not satisfactory evidence to the Presbytery of his christian prudence and piety,—therefore that Mr Erwin be and he hereby is required to appear personally before this Presbytery at its next Stated Session, that the Presbytery may have an opportunity of examining the evidence which he may be able to give of his reformation & consistent Christian Character

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward a copy of the above resolution to Mr Erwin

Adjourned to meet at 9 oclock tomorrow morning

Concluded with prayer—

Thursday Morning 9 oclock Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday were read.

A Call was made for the Sessional Records from the several Churches. & the Records of Bethany Prospect, South-Creek Rocky-River, Back-Creek Concord Bethpage & College Churches were reported as present,

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Sessional Records Viz Revd A. J. Lockridge & Geo. Andrews the Record of Rocky River. Revd James D. Hall & James Gillimore the Records of Bethany, Prospect, & College Churches; the Revd Saml M. H. Adams & Benj Pfeifer. the Records of South and Back Creek Churches; the Revd John M. Caldwell & Daniel McIver, the Records of

Bethany and Concord Churches.

Resolved that hereafter the sessional records of all our Churches be called for, for review at the stated fall Sessions of Presbytery, and whereas it appears there have been great irregularities and discrepancies on this Subject, Resolved further that all the sessions of our Churches be directed to take special order on the Subject, and that they be specially directed to comply with the foregoing resolution.

Resolved that hereafter nine members of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College be a quorum for the transaction of Business

The Revd John Robinson D. D. & Patrick J. Sparrow were appointed a committee of nomination to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

The committee on the State of the Church reported. and their reported and their report was accepted and adopted, — The vote on adopting was taken by Ays & Noes. as was as follows.

Ays. John Robinson D.D. Samuel Paisly Walter F Pharr John McErwin Stephen Frontis Samuel Williamson Henry N. Pharr Daniel A Penick Samuel S Watson Patrick J Sparrow A. J. Lockridge James D Hall J. M. H. Adams J. M. McCaldwell. — Elders Col Wm Allison, Thomas Allison, Francis Beattie, W^m McStitt, Thomas Stephenson, A Davis, J. Sloan, J. Andrews Wm Fleming J. Gillimore Benj Pfifer, John McCNeely, Daniel McIver Richard Hall, Laird Blair. — 29

Noes .... — None

The following is the report adopted Viz

The committee on the State of the Church in reference to the action of the last General Assembly

recommend the adoption of the following resolutions Viz

1st. Resolved that this Presbytery after mature deliberation do fully approve of the act of the Gen Assembly of 1837 abrogating "the plan of union of 1801, for the accommodation of Churches in the New Settlements," — the said plan having been from the beginning "unconstitutional & void,"

2 Resolved that we approve of the resolutions of the said Assembly, declaring the Synods of the western reserve of Utica, Genesee & Geneva "to be out of the Ecclesiastical Connection of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. of A. & that they are not in form or in fact an integral portion of said Church,"

3 Resolved that we approve the act of the said Assembly dissolving the "Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, which Presbytery was unconstitutionally formed and has been the fruitful source of strife and vexation from its beginning,"

4 Resolved that we fully approve of the resolution of said Assembly concerning the American Home Miss. and the American Education Societies being fully persuaded that associations formed for the spread of the gospel, should be held Responsible for their doings to the Church.

5 Resolved that we approve the act of said Assembly, Organizing a Board of Foreign Missions, and recommend to our Churches and to all our members to sustain said Board;

6 Resolved that we fully approve of the resolution of said Assembly bearing testimony against errors in doctrine & irregularities in practice

Finally Resolved that we as a Presbytery,

loving the purity, peace, and order of the Church are solemnly bound fully to sustain to the extent of our influence the whole action of the last General Assembly; confidently believing that it was in accordance with the will of God; and that his blessing will rest on all lawful efforts to purify his own Church.

J. Williamson
T. S. Sparrow
George Andrews
} Committee.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk forward a Copy of the above resolutions to the Southern Christian Herald, and to the Watchman of the South for publication

The following preamble and resolution was adopted Viz

Whereas it is important to the interests of the presbyterian Church, that its distinctive features should be practically sustained by the ministers and the Churches they supply; and whereas this Presbytery at its sessions at Prospect in March 1835 in accordance with the direction of the Gen Assembly has made it our duty to inquire as often as may be deemed necessary, if the ministers sustain the pastoral relation to the churches to which they preach, and if not then to enquire of such churches why that relation is not formed; and whereas after inquiry now made it appears that the Churches of Fourth Creek, Salisbury, Philadelphia & Ramah have only Stated supplies; — Wherefore Resolved that the Stated Clerk be and he hereby is directed to forward to the Sessions of said Churches a Copy of the minutes of the General Assembly and of this Presbytery on this subject

A letter was read before presbytery from the Stated Clk of the Presbytery of Bethel on the subject of the formation of a Synod in Western N. C.

Resolved that the Revd James M. H. Adams be appointed a delegate from this Presbytery, to attend the next Stated Sessions of the Presbytery of Bethel for the purpose of making some arrangement respecting the formation of the proposed western Synod

The Committee on the Minutes of the Gen Assembly reported, that the only item claiming the attention of Presbytery was an overture, on page 497 on the Subject proposing an alteration of the constitution on the subject of appeals Complaints &c. which report was accepted, whereupon resolved

That this Presbytery give a negative answer to the overture on the subject of appeals, sent down from the Gen Assembly.

The following preamble and resolution was read and adopted viz Whereas Complaints have reached us, that some members of the Church have been in the habit of violating the Sabbath by travelling on that holy day; therefore Resolved that the members of our Churches who may thus violate the Sabbath be dealt with according to the discipline of our Church; and that the Standing members of Presbytery be enquired at once a year to know whether they have discharged their duty in that respect

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College Reported as the 2nd Class of Trustes to serve three years from the present time

John D. Graham Dr. Moses W. Alexander Robt Potts Revd Wm L. Pharr Dr. Cyrus Hunter Revd James M. H. Adams Revd P. J. Sparrow & Gen Ephraim Davidson — &

And for the 3d Class to serve two years from the present time

David A. Caldwell Esq Revd W. L. Pharr Revd Jno M. Wilson. James Torrence Esq Dr D. E. McLaurin

James Osborn Esq Revd John Robinson D.D. & R. H. Burton Esqrs who were elected as Trustes of Davidson College.

Our Commissioner to the last Gen Assembly Reported that they had attended the meeting of the Convention at Philadelphia, and also the sessions of the Gen Assembly and that they had diligently labored to discharge the important duties assigned them, which report was approved,

The Stated Committee on Session Books reported that they have examined the Books of Bethany Rocky-River, Prospect, Davidson College, Concord and Bethpage Church, and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved which report was accepted and adopted

The Treasurer of the Education Committee made a report which accepted and referred for examination to the Revd Stephen Frontis & A. J. Lockridge

Resolved that the committee on Education be reorganized, & the Revd A. J. Lockridge & D. A. Penick were appointed a committee to nominate.

Resolved that Presbytery hold its next Stated Session at Davidson College on the 3 Wednesday in March 1838 to meet at 11 Oclock A. M.

The committee appointed to nominate an executive committee on Education Reported for that Committee Revd R. H. Morrison P. J. Sparrow. W. L. Pharr. Wm Lee Davidson & M. D. Johnston which Report was accepted and adopted.

The Revd W. L. Pharr was appointed Treasurer of the Education committee, & Revd R. H. Morrison Secretary.

Resolved that the same Committee be the the examining Committee of education

The petition from people of New Union was taken up and considered. Whereupon Resolved that the prayer of the petition be not granted

Revd Henry N. Pharr had leave of absence

Revd Lewis D. Hall & Mr Silliman had leave of absence after the sessions of this morning

Revd John Robinson D.D & Col Wm Allison had leave of absence

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Education Committee reported that they had examined the same and find them correct and recommend that the report of the Treasurer be approved; which report was accepted and adopted,

The Committee on the Session Books of Back Creek & South Creek Churches, Reported that they had examined said Books & recommend that the Back Creek Book be not approved; That the Session of that Church be instructed to procure a suitable book and have their Minutes fairly ~~transcribed~~ recorded;

Also they recommend that the Session Book of South Creek be approved up to page 26

which report was accepted and approved

Mr Archibald Neely was introduced to the Presbytery as a young man wishing to put himself under our care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry; and presbytery have received satisfactory testimonials of his good Moral Character and of his being a regular member of the presbyterian Church proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion; his evidences of piety and his motives for seeking the ministry

which examination was sustained.

Whereupon Resolved that Mr Neely be and he hereby is received under the care of this presbytery as a Candidate for the Ministry

Mr John E McPherson and Mr Archibald Neely were examined on Church History from the first to the Seventh Century inclusive and their examination was sustained

The Latin Exegesis of Mr McPherson was committed to Revd Stephen Frontes & P.S. Sparrow and his critical exercise to the Revd Daniel Penick & S. Williamson for examination

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock concluded with prayer ——

Friday morning Oct 18 - 1837

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer and the minutes of yesterday were read

The Committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegesis of Mr McPherson Reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and recommend that the Exegesis be sustained as a part of trials — which report was adopted.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to correspond with our brethren who are laboring in the Foreign Missionary field under the care of the A.B.C.F.M. and apprise them that it is the purpose of this Presbytery in future to be connected with the Gen Assembly's Board of F.M., and earnestly and respectfully request them to take into consideration the expediency; and if they think it expedient to take the incipient steps to put themselves under the care of the same Board

The Revd S. Williamson and Daniel A Penick were appointed this Committee

Mr John M Wilson having accepted the call put into his hands from the Church of Bethany Resolved that the Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Bethany Church on Thursday before the 2nd Sab in Nov next for the purpose of ordaining Mr Wilson and installing him pastor of Bethany Church

Ordered that Revd Stephen Frontis preach the ordination Sermon the Revd C. Bailey preside and give the Charge to the pastor & Revd James M. Pharr ~~James Adams~~ give the charge to the people: & that Mr Lockridge be the alternate to Mr Frontis & Mr Adams the alternate to Mr Pharr.

Mr Wilson directed prepare a sermon on the 18 Verse of the 5 Chap 2 Cor. and for examination as required in the Confession of Faith.

The Secretary of the executive Committee on Missions reported and his report was accepted

Resolved that the Executive Committee on Missions be reorganized, and that five members Constitute that Committee

The Revd Stephen Frontis and A G Lockridge were appointed to nominate the Committe of Missions

A letter was read from Lebanon Church requesting aid in the support of the gospel among them, whereupon Resolved that this letter be referred the Committee on Missions, and that it be recommended to that Committee to give the Church of Lebanon aid to the amount of $75 per. an.

The Committee appointed to nominate a committee of Missions Reported the following viz Revd S Williams or Dr A. Pinnock & J. M. Mc Caldwell with Elders John McNeely & Doct Jos W. Ross. which report was accepted & adopted

Resolved that the ministers of this Presbytery be

directed to present the subject of domestic missions before their congregations and raise funds for the Missionary Cause as far as they may be able

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Davidson College reported that they had attended to that duty and their report was accepted

Resolved that in addition to the recommendation given by this Presbytery to the S. C. Herald we rejoice in the appearance of the Watchman of the South as an additional and efficient agent to defend the doctrine and order of the Presbyterian Church, and cordially unite in the late recommendation of this paper given by the Synod of N.C.

The Committee appointed to examine the Critical exercise of Mr McPherson reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that it be sustained which report was accepted and adopted.

Whereas the Synod of N.C. at its late Sessions recommended the 3d Wednesday in Nov next to be observed as a day of Humiliation and prayer with reference to the present state of our afflicted Church therefore resolved that our Ministers and Churches be careful to observe that day according to the recommendation of Synod.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk publish the resolution recommending the watchman of the South in the S. C. Herald & Watchman

Resolved that James Torrence Esq & Daniel A. Caldwell Esq be added to the building committee of Davidson College.

Ordered that the Stated Clerk send up to the President of the board of Trustees all the items

defining the duties of any of the offices of Davidson College and that the Stated Clk be compensated for this extra service
Revd S Williamson & J D Watson had leave of absence
The Revd P. J. Sparrow according to previous appointment preached a missionary sermon from the 9th verse of 7 Chap of Daniel
The Revd Daniel A Penick was appointed to preach a Sermon on the subject of domestick missions at our regular fall session in 1838
The Revd Stephen Frontis was appointed to preach a sermon on education at our Stated Sessions in March next
Adjourned to meet at Bethany Church on the 9th of Nov next at 12 Oclock
Concluded with prayer.

Bethany Church Nov 9th 1837

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Revd Saml Paisley. Members present, Revd Saml Paisley Henry N. Pharr & Stephen Frontis with Elders Richard Hall & John Young. The Revd S. Frontis was appointed Clerk & the Revd S Paisley was appointed to preside
The Revd Andrew J Morrison of the Presbytery of Lexington being present was invited to sit as a corresponding Member
Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial Sermon of Mr John M Wilson a Licentiate under our care, as by a previous appointment from the 18 verse of the 5 Chapt of 2 Cor.
After Mr Wilson had delivered his sermon presbytery (had a recess,) adjourned to meet at the house of Mr Wilson at 4 oclock P.M. this evening.
At the house of Mr Wilson 4 oclock P.M.
Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer and proceeded to examine Mr John M Wilson as required in our form of government preparatory to his ordination, which examination together with his sermon was considered and sustained
A call was presented to presbytery from the Congregation of Salem for one third of the ministerial labors of Mr Wilson, which being found regular was put into the hands of Mr Wilson
On motion resolved that Presbytery proceed to ordain Mr John M Wilson and set him apart to the whole work of the gospel ministry

and instal him pastor of the Congregation of Bethany on tomorrow morning at 11 oclk
Adjourned to met at Bethany Church tomorrow at 11 oclock A.M. Closed with prayer
Friday Morning 11 oclock Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer present as on yesterday
The Revd James M. H. Adams appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.
Presbytery proceeded to the ordination and installation of Mr Wilson
The Revd Stephen Frontis preached the Ordination sermon from 1st Tim. 4. 16
The Revd Saml Paisley presided and propos the questions to Mr Wilson and to the Congregation which questions being satisfactorily answered, Mr Wilson was by prayer and the Laying on of the hands of the Presbyte set apart to the work of the Ministry and installed the pastor of Bethany Congregation. The Revd Samuel Paisley gave the charge to the Pastor and the Revd Henry N. Pharis gave the charge to the people of the congregation, and Mr Wilson was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery
Presbytery then enquired of Mr Wilson if he accepted the Call from Tabor and he having accepted, whereupon Resolved that in view of the advanced state of the season Presbytery defer to make the necessary arrangements for Mr Wilsons installation in Tabor till the next stated meeting.
The Revd Samuel Paisley asked a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery

of Orange, Whereupon resolved that the request of Mr Paisley be granted, and that he be and he hereby is dismissed from this presbytery and recommended to the Presbytery of Orange as a member in good and regular Standing
Adjourned to met at Lebanon Church on the 1st day of Dec next
Concluded with prayer

S. Frontis Clk Pro tem

Lebanon Church Dec 1st 1837
The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Revd S. Williamson. Members present Revd S. Williamson, Daniel A. Penick and John M. Mc Caldwell. Revd S. Williamson was appointed to preside and the Revd D. A. Penick was appointed Clk.
It appearing to the satisfaction of Presbytery that the Church of Lebanon were preparing a Call for Mr Isaac M. McPherson and that said Call for the ministerial labors of Mr McPherson on a licentiate under our care will by Divine permission be presented on tomorrow.
Whereupon Resolved that presbytery proceed to hear Mr McPhersons trial Sermon preparatory to his Ordination provided the Call shall be presented
After Mr McPherson had delivered his trial Sermon from Presbytery adjourned to met at the house of Mr Norman McLeod at 6 oclock P.M. Closed with prayer

Mr McLeods 6 oclock P.M. Presbytry met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above

Presbytry proceeded to examine Mr James McPherson as required in our form of Government & discipline preparatory to his ordination

Mr McPherson was examined on Experimental Religion, Philosophy & Theology and part of Church History, and his further examination deferred until to morrow morning

Adjourned to meet at Lebanon Church tomorrow morning at 9½ oclock

Concluded with prayer

Lebanon Church Sat. 9½ oclock A.M. Presbytry met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Mr McPhersons examination was resumed when he was examined on church history the Constitution & principles of Church government & the language all which examinations together with his trial sermon delivered on yesterday were considered & sustained

A call was presented from the congregation of Lebanon for three fourths of Ministerial labors of Mr James McPherson a licentiate under our care; which call being found regular was handed to Mr McPherson & by him accepted

Whereupon resolved that Mr James McPherson be now ordained to the whole work of the Gospel ministry and installed pastor of Lebanon Church

James McPherson ordained

and that the Revd T Williamson preach the ordination sermon and preside, and the Revd Daniel A Penick give the charge to the Pastor and the congregation

Revd T Williamson preached the ordination sermon from 1st Pet. 5-2-3. after which Mr James P. McPherson was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytry solemnly ordained and set apart to the whole work of the gospel ministry & also installed pastor of the Congregation of Lebanon

and Charges were delivered to the Pastor & to the Congregation by the Revd D A Penick

Mr McPherson then took his seat as a member of Presbytry

Adjourned to meet at Davidson College on the 21 of March 1838

Concluded with prayer

Davidson College 21st of March 1838

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator was opened with a sermon by the Revd Robt H Morrison on the fall of man and original sin and constituted with prayer.

Ministers Present.	Elders
Revd John Robinson D D	Thomas Allison
" John Williamson	Wm McCleary
" Walter L. Pharr	James Dougherty
" John M. Erwin	Rufus Ramsay
" Robt H Morrison	Mortimer D Johnson
" Samuel Williamson	Dr Joseph W. Ross
" Daniel A Penick	John Phifer
" Samuel L Watson	John H. McDowel
" Jno A Hall	Gillespie Culbertson
" Patrick J Sparrow	Robt Potts
" Alex J Scarnworth	David Parks
" Andrew Y. Lockridge	Wm King
" James D Hall	John McCulloch
" James M. H. Adams	Jacob Hair
" John M M. Caldwell	Alex Robinson
" John M. Wilson	John Galloway
" James S. McPherson	Angus McQueen
	John W Davis
	David Blair

Absent

Revd James McRee D.D.
" Stephen Foente
" Henry N. Pharr
" Daniel Lindley
" Thomas P Johnston
" Alex E. Wilson
" James E Morrison

The Revd James D. Hall was chosen Moderator and the Revd Andrew Y. Lockridge Clerk pro tem. and the minutes of an adjourned meeting at Poplar Tent and of the last Stated Sessions were read

The Revs Messrs John Williamson Robt H. Morrison and A. J. Leavenworth gave satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery

The Revd Jesse Rankin of Roanoke Pres. the Revd Albertus L Watts and Wm N. Morrison of Morganton Pres. and the Revd Angus Johnson of Fayetteville Pres being present were invited to sit as corresponding Members

A letter was received and read from the Revd James McRee D.D. assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence and also a letter from the Revd Stephen Foente assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence

A letter was received and read from the Revd Thomas P. Johnston Miss. in Asia Minor &c

Davidson College Janry 3d 1838

The Presbytery of Concord met in obedience to the call of the Moderator the Revd James E. Morrison, who by a circular had required the members to meet at this time and place to consider and advise in the case of the Revd Patrick I. Sparrow professor in Davidson College for whom a call was sent from the 6th Church in Philadelphia; and to consult on other matters that might come constitutionally before them; Constituted with prayer

Ministers Present:	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D	John Johnson
" John Williamson	Wm A Sample
" Walter L. Pharr	Robt Carrigan
" John M. Ervin.	Francis Beattie
" R. H. Morrison	Wm Lee Davidson
" Stephen Frontis	
" Henry N. Pharr	Jos Walker
" Wm A Hall	Gillespie Culbertson
" P. I. Sparrow	
" James E Morrison	Cyrus Flemming
" Jas M. H. Adams	Robt Johnson
" James D Hall.	James Gillimen
" Andrew J Lockridge.	John Lowrey
" John M. C. Caldwell	Amos Alexander
" John M. Wilson	James Hill

The Revd James M. H. Adams was appointed Clerk pro tem.

A Call from the 6th Presbyterian Church in the City of Philadelphia, for the Pastoral labors of the Revd Patrick I Sparrow was laid before Presbytery, and the Call being framed in order

it was put into the hands of Mr Sparrow for his consideration

The Revd A L Watts of the Presbytery of Marganton being present was invited to act as a corresponding Member. ——— The Presbytery had a recess of 1 hour

After recess

On Motion resolved that the Salary of the Revd P. I. Sparrow be raised to the sum of twelve hundred dollars per ann.

On Motion resolved that the Revd John Robinson D.D. and the Revd R H Morrison be appointed a committee to draw up a series of resolutions expressive of the feelings of this Presbytery with reference to Mr Sparrow's situation

The Committee reported the following and their report was accepted and adopted Viz

Whereas the Revd P.I.Sparrow who now occupies an important Professorship in Davidson College by the appointment of this Presbytery, has been called to the Pastoral Care of the 6th Church in the City of Philadelphia, and has asked the advice of this Presbytery in reference to the course he should pursue; —— On mature deliberation Presbytery adopted the following resolutions

1st Resolved that the confidence hitherto ~~manifested~~ expressed and still felt by this Presbytery in the qualifications of the Revd P. I. Sparrow to fulfil with usefulness the duties of his office should afford to him very strong encouragement to continue in it.

2nd Resolved that the importance of educating young men for the Gospel ministry, at the present time is so great, that stations of usefulness exerting a direct agency in this work ought to be regarded at least, as among the most important in our Country

3 Resolved that while Presbytery thus cheerfully express their sense of the importance of the office now occupied by the Revd P. I. Sparrow and their anxiety that he should continue to hold it; they must refer the decision to himself and the guiding influences of the Spirit of God.

The Revd P. I. Sparrow was then called on to give an answer to the Call placed in his hands and he declined accepting said Call

Presbytery united in returning thanks to Almighty God for the issue of this matter

On motion resolved that the Revd John Williamson & Revd Walter S. Shaw & Wm Lee Davidson Esqr be a Committee to enquire whether the present rate of Boarding in Davidson College will meet the expenses of the Boarding establishment; and report to the Trustees at this meeting on the last days of July next

Adjourned to meet at this place on the 21 March next

Concluded with prayer.

Davidson College 21st of March 1838

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and in absence of the Moderator was opened with a Sermon by the Rev'd Robt. H. Morrison, on the doctrine of "the fall of man, of Sin and the punishment thereof," the subject previously assigned him for a Doctrinal Sermon, and concluded with prayer

Ministers	Present	Elders
John Robinson D.D.		Levi Hope
John Williamson		Wm McEeary
Walter L. Pharr		James Daugherty
John M Erwin		Rufus Ramsey
Robt H. Morrison		Mortimer D. Johnston
Saml Williamson		Doct Joseph W. Ross
Henry N. Pharr		Thomas Allison
Daniel A Penick		John Phifer
Samuel L Watson		John H McDowell
William A Hall		Gillespie Cathcart
Patrick L Sparrow		Robt Potts
A. J. Leavenworth		David Parks
A. G. Lockridge		Wm King
James D Hall		John McCulloch
James M. H. Adams		Jacob Shue
John M M. Caldwell		Alex Robinson
John M Wilson		John Galloway
James P McElheron		Angus McQueen
		John W Davis
Absent		Laird Blair
Revd James McKee D.D.		Wylie Cather
Stephen Frontis		
Daniel A Lindley		
Thomas P. Johnston		
Alex E Wilson		
James E Morrison		

The Revd James D Hall was chosen moderator and the Revd A.G. Lockridge clerk: The minutes of the sessions at Poplar Tent and of the last stated sessions of Pres were read. The Revd John Williamson Robt H Morrison & A. J. Leavenworth gave satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last stated Session

The Revd Angus Johnston of the Presbytery of Fayetteville and the Revd Messrs A L Wallace & Wm N. Morrison of the Presbytery of Morganton, and the Revd Leon Rankin of the Presbytery of Roanoke being present were invited to sit as corresponding members

A letter was received from the Revd James McKee D.D assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence and also a letter from the Revd Stephen Frontis assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence

A letter was received and read from the Revd Thos P. Johnston Miss in Asia Minor

The minutes of the adjourned meetings at Bethany, and at Lebanon and also of the Called meeting at Davidson College were read

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Davidson College reported and their report was accepted and is as follows, Viz

The Subscribers having been appointed a Committee for that purpose Report to the Presbytery of Concord the following facts in reference to Davidson College

The whole amount of money received by the Treasurer since the last Settlement ordered by Presbytery — $9701-60

Amount paid out during the same period — 9534-95¼

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this time — $166-64¼

Amount received and expended by Wm Lee Davidson as Treasurer previous to last settlement — $700-97

Amt Rec'd & expended by Revd John Williamson as Treas pro tem — 4.679-90

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Making the whole amount of rents up to this date $15082.47

Mr. Carter report that Mr John Blair of Yorkville S.C. has assured us of his determination to transfer to the trustees as soon as practicable ten shares of the Capital Stock of the Bank of the State of North Carolina, to endow a Scholarship in this Institution

Also that Dr. A. F. Alexander of Alabama has authorized the payment of about eleven hundred dollars in behalf of his deceased Sister Mrs Jane D. Lide, to the Trustees of our College, to carry into effect her benevolent intentions expressed previous to her death in reference to the education of young men for the Gospel Ministry

The number of Students now connected with the College is seventy three, their advancement in their Studies is in general very honourable to themselves. A Spirit of order and subordination pervades the Institution

A proper regard for the worship of God is strictly demanded, and apparently yielded with order and Cheerfulness

The manual labor department is in a flourishing condition and as general satisfaction given by the Boarding house as could reasonably be expected

Amid the evidences of prosperity which have thus far marked this Noble institution it becomes us to cherish gratitude to God for his blessings, and to continue, and increase our efforts that this institution may accomplish the great purposes for which it has been founded

Respectfully
Signed
R. H. Morrison Com
P. J. Sparrow

Rec'd Presbytery of S. Alabama

The Revd Angus Johnston presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Hopewell to join this Presbytery Whereupon Resolved that the Revd Angus Johnston be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery and that his name be enrolled with our members

A Call was presented from the Congregation of Philadelphia for two thirds of the ministerial labors of the Revd Angus Johnston, which being found regular was put into the hands of Mr Johnston for his consideration and also a call from the Congregation of Union for one third of the ministerial labors of Mr. Johnston which was likewise put into his hand

A request was presented through the Revd Henry N. Pharr from Mr Junius B. King a licentiate under our care for a dismission to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Alabama. Whereupon Resolved that his request be granted and that he be and he hereby is dismissed as a Licentiate in good and regular standing and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of South Alabama under whose care it is his wish to place himself

Adjourned to meet here at Candlelighting this evening

Concluded with prayer

Davidson College March 21–1838

At early candle lighting Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer present as above except those absent with leave

Mr John E. McPherson a candidate under our care appeared before presbytery for examination preparatory to his licensure. Mr McPherson was examined on the languages, and Sciences and also on Theology and Church History

and his examination was considered and Sustained

adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9½ oclock

Concluded with prayer

22nd March 9½ oclock

Presbytry met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer

Present as on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday were read

The connexion of this presbytry and the Presbytry of Bethel being taken up for Consideration;

Resolved that a committee be appointed to prepare a minute on the State of the Connexion between this Presbytry and the Pres of Bethel in building up and governing Davidson College, and also to prepare a letter to the Presbytry of Bethel on that Subject; The Revd S. Williamson W. S. Pharr and Robt H. Morrison were appointed on this Committee.

On the subject of temperance the following preamble and resolution were adopted viz

Whereas drunkenness is a sin which excludes from the kingdom of Heaven, and curses individuals and Communities with many Crimes, and woes — and whereas the making, and furnishing, the material to make, and the vending of — ardent Spirit as a beverage; are the great means of promoting intemperance in direct opposition

to the heavenly injunction "be ye not partakers of other mens sins,, and especially opposed to the christian character which is the light of the world and the Salt of the earth; therefore

Resolved that in the judgment of this Presbytery the making or the furnishing the material to make ardent Spirits; or the retailing them as a beverage by Church members, is an evil, which the Pastors and Sessions of the Churches ought to use the most vigorous exertions immediately to abolish.

Resolved that permission be granted to organize a Church at New Union provided such a step be approved by the Sessions of the three surrounding Congregations viz Fourth Creek Third Creek and Bethany.

Presbytry proceeded to hear the popular Sermon of Mr John E. McPherson from the text previously assigned him

The Revd S. Williamson James M. W. Adams and John Phifer Esqr were appointed a Committee to assess on the Churches the amount of Commissioners funds that will be necessary to meet the expenses of our Commissioners in attending the general Assembly.

The Revd James M. W. Adams had leave of absence after 12 oclock to day

Presbytry had a recess of one hour after recess. Inquiry being made of the members of Presbytry whether they had published to their respective Congregations, the resolution of our last Stated Sessions on the observance of the Sabbath; most of the members stated that they had and others that they intended at an early period to do so

A letter was Rec'd from the Revd William M'c Pheeters D.D. agent for the Gen Assembly Board of Domestic Missions for the Synods Va and N.C.

The Committee appointed to assess on the Churches the necessary amount of Commissioners fund reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz. Fourth Creek — $12 Poplar Tent $14 Hopewell & Paw Creek $14 Mallows Creek & Rancah $80 Centre & Prospect $12 College Church $10 Salisbury 14. Providence & Sharon 14 Concord & Salem 10 Rocky River 15. Flat Creek and Pleasant Hill 12 Unity Joppa and Thyatira 10 Charlotte 12. Back Creek 12 Bethpage and Concord Town 8 Thyatira 10 Hick Creek 14 Sugar creek 14 Bethany & Zion 8 Philadelphia 12

Mr Gillespie Culbertson and Mr Daugherty had leave of absence

Presbytery then proceeded to hold a free conversation on the state of religion, and the Revd John McE Erwin and John McE Caldwell were appointed a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative for the Gen Assembly

Own Motion resolved that Presbytery proceed to elect Commissioners to the next General Assembly The Revd John Williamson and Samuel Williamson Ministers, and Wm Lee Davidson and Wm King Elders were elected, principals, and Revd David A Penick & John M Wilson Ministers, and John McCulloch & Thomas Allison Elders alternates. Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock Concluded with prayer

Davidson Colleg 23 March 1838

Presbytery met according to Adjournment and Constituted with prayer present as on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Henry N. Pharr and John M McE Caldwell were appointed a committee to examine the Book of the Treasurer of Miss Society and report thereon The Revd S.L. Watson and J. W. McDowell Elder had leave of absence

The Committee on the Book and accounts of Treasurer of Missionary Society reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the executive Committee on Missions report that they have attended to the duty assigned them; and find the accounts and Credits sustained by the proper vouchers.

The sums received by the Treasurer since the 5th of April 1834. amount to $267.05¼

The Receipts account for the expenditure of $237.66¾ leaving in the hand of the Treasurer $29.42½ which balance is transferred by your Committee to the Revd John M McE Caldwell the present Treasurer

Signed H. N. Pharr } Com
John McE Caldwell }

The Revd James P. McPherson and Mr Angus McCaig Elder had leave of absence

A letter was received and read from the Revd Francis McFarland Cor Sec of the Gen Assembly Board of Education

The Executive Committee on Education reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

The Committee of Education report to Pres
that the number of beneficiaris under the care
of Presbytry is five Viz Archebald Neely
Thomas H. Hamilton Wm J. Linn Wm L. Scroggs &
O. D. McNeely
They are all Students at this time in Davidson
College. The Amount of their tuition for
each Session is $75 —— The Amount of
their Boarding for each session is $100.
after the deduction for their labor is made
The progress of the Students in their edu
cation is very encouraging, and their Chris
tian Standing good. Mr J. W. Phillips
under the Care of the Board during the
last Session has suspended his Studies in
the mean time. All the expenses of these
beneficiaris have been paid up to the first
of the present session of Davidson College
except $35. Due for their Boarding for the
last session
Resolved that it be considered improper for
any Beneficiary under the Care of Presbytry
to leave the place where he is located on
the prosecution of his Studies without the
express permission of the Executive Committee
and that conduct of this kind will
forfeit his good Standing under the
Care of Presbytry
On motion the Treasurer of Pres was
ordered to divide the money paid into
his hands to bear the expenses of our
Commissioners to the Gen Assembly equally
amongst said Commissioners
A letter was read from Mr Peabody

Financial Sec of the Board of Education
Resolved the Circular of the Genral Assembly Board
of Education be referred to the Executive Committee
of Education of this Presbytry and that Committee
be directed to adopt, and practice upon, the plan
of the pledge proposed in said Circular and
report to the Gen Assembly as therein requested.
Mr Hankins W. Erwin a candidate under our
care appeared before Presbytry according to Citation
at the last Stated meeting of this Pres and
after prayer and deliberation Presbytry adopted
the following preamble and Resolutions in
his case viz
Mr Hankins W. Erwin a candidate for the ministry
under our care having removed to Clarksville
Ga, and having requested a dismission to
put himself under the Care of the Presbytry
of Mount Zion — and the regular Standing
of Mr Erwin for Christian prudence having
been interrupted by the belief that
previous to his removal from our bounds
some acts of indiscretion had marked
his conduct; and Mr Erwin having
appeared before this Presbytry and made
made frank and Christian Confession
of his repentance and humiliation for all
such imprudence; and as evidence
of his good and fair Christian Character
whilst living in Georgia having produced
Certificates from the Revd Messrs Cassels &
Quillian and also from several Citizens of
Clarksville Ga.
Therefore placing due reliance on said
Certificates, and expressing satisfaction

said confession; Resolved that Mr S. W. Erwin be and he hereby is dismissed from our care as a candidate in regular standing and affectionately recommended as such to the Presbytry of Flint River

We farther Certify that all the trials of Mr Erwin are to be heard preparatory to licensure

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to be sent to Bethel Presbytry in relation to Davidson College reported a letter which report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be sent to the Stated Clerk of Bethel Presbytry.

..... The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds reported which report was accepted and adopted and ordered to be transcribed and signed by the Stated Clerk and forwarded to the Gen Assembly

The Revd D. A. Pinckney A. J. Leavenworth, P. L. Watson & John M. McCaldwell were appointed to supply the Pulpit of the Revd T. Williamson during his attendance on the Gen Assembly one day each — and the Revd P. J. Sparrow R. H. Morrison W. S. Pharr and John McKinnon D D to supply the Pulpit of the Revd John Williamson one Sabbath each during his attendance on the Gen Assembly. ✓

On Motion Resolved that when Presbytry adjourns we adjourn to meet at Mocksville on the Friday before the meeting of Synod at 7 oclock P. M.

The Revd John M. Erwin and Lewis

E Morrison was appointed to preach each one Sabbath at Bethel. also the Revd Walter S Pharr one Sabbath.

The Presbytry proceeded to hear the Lecture of Mr John E McPherson on the subject previously assigned him which together with his sermon and other parts of trial previous to licensure having been considered and sustained Presbytry proceeded to license him to preach the gospel according to the direction in our form of Government. and recorded his licensure as follows viz "At Davidson College the 23d day of March 1838 the Presbytry of Concord, having received testimonials in favor of Mr John E McPherson, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the Communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature: as to his experimental acquaintance with Religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the presbytry did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the presbytry did and hereby do license him the said John E McPherson to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the Holy ministry within the bounds of this presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called

The Revd Stephen Frontis and James M H Adams were appointed a committee to meet at Salem Church between this and our next Stated Session and install the Revd John M[illegible]

Dis. all of Simpson

Wilson Pastor of said Congregation

Resolved that the sessions of the churches under our care be ordered to examine the lists of Subscribers to Davidson College to ascertain who have not paid their Subscriptions; and report their reasons for delinquency to the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Mocksville on the 12th day of Oct next at 9 oclock P.M. Concluded with prayer.

Samuel Williamson Cl'k

Synod of North Carolina in Session at Third Creek Church, October 18th 1838.

Thus far examined and approved.

Stephen Frontis Moderator.

Mocksville 12th of Oct 1838 7 oclock P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened (at the request of the Moderator) with a sermon by the Revd Wm McPheeters D.D. of the Presbytery of Roanoke from the 1st verse of the 6 Chapt of the 2nd Epistle to the Cor; & concluded with prayer

Ministers Present	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	Wyon Cannon
" Walter T. Pharr	Thomas Alexander
" John M Erwin	Wm C Johnson
" Stephen Frontis	John M Black,
" Samuel Williamson	Robt Johnston
" Henry N Pharr	Wylie Gather
" Wm A Hall	Thomas McNeely
" Andrew A Lockridge	Wm King
" James D. Hall	John Blackwell
" James C Morrison	Moses Flemming
" John M Caldwell	Amos Alexander
" John M. Wilson	Richard Hall
"	

Absent

Revd James McC Rue D.D.
" John Williamson
" Robt H Morrison D.D.
" Daniel A Penick
" Paul L Watson
" Patrick J Sparrow
" A J Lawrence
" James M H Adams
" Angus Johnson
" James McC Pherson
" Daniel Lindsley
" Thomas P. Johnston
" Alexander C Wilson

The Revd John M M Caldwell was Chosen moderator and the Revd James E Morrison Clerk

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock Closed with prayer.

13th Oct Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with proper powers present as above and the Minutes of the last session were read.

The Revd James E Morrison rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence from the last Stated Session

The Revd Wm M C Pheeters D D of the Presbytery of Roanoake being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

The Revd Samuel L Watson and Patrick I Sparrow appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for their absence last evening and took their seats

The Revd Jesse Rankin presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Roanoak to join this Presbytery; Whereupon Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Rankin and being fully satisfied with his examination Resolved that the Revd Jesse Rankin be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery

A Call was presented from the congregation of Fourth Creek for the ministerial labors of the Revd Jesse Rankin which being found regular and in order was put into the hands of Mr Rankin for his consideration

A paper from the Session of Bethany Church was presented making inquiries of this Presbytery which was referred to Revd Walter L Pharr Stephen Frontis and Mr Amos Alexander to report thereon during the present Session

A reference from the Session of Prospect Church was brought before Presbytery and

made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 oclock

The Revd Samuel Williamson A Y Lockridge and Wm King Esqr were appointed a committee on the minutes of the last Gen Assembly

The Revd James P McC Pherson appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for delay and took his seat

Mr Matthew McCall a ruling Elder from the Church of Philadelphia appeared and took his seat as a member of Presbytery

The Revd S Williamson and Mr Wm King commissioners to the last Gen Assembly being called on reported their attendance on the duties assigned them; which report was accepted

The Revd John Robinson D D and Revd Walter L Pharr were appointed a committee to nominate trustees for Davidson College

The members of Presbytery were called on to know if they had attended to the order of Presbytery on page 69 concerning the subscriptions to Davidson College

The Records of the several Church sessions were assigned for examination to committees as follows viz the Session Books of Fourth Creek & Poplar Tent to Revd Samuel L Watson & Amos Alexander of Hopewell Paw Creek Ramah & Mallard Creek to A Y Lockridge & Richard Hall —— of Centre College Church and Salisbury — to Revd John M Wilson & Mr Murdock —— of Providence Concord and Poplin to Revd James D Hall & Ibzon Cannon — Rocky River Steel Creek, Unity and Joppa to Revd P I Sparrow & Cyrus Cumming — of Bethel, Charlotte and Back Creek — to Revd W N Pharr & W Potts of Bethpage Concord Town Thyatira and Third Creek — to Revd J Rankin & Thos McCoy

Sugar Creek Bethany and Tabor to Rev Stephen Sinnitt and Wm King — Lebanon Philadelphia & Union to Revd John M Ervin and Wm C Johnson.

The Presbytery had a recess till 2 oclock

2 oclock Presbty proceeded to business and a communication being received from the Revd Angus Johnson stating his acceptance of the Calls from the Congregation of Philadelphia and Union The Revd Samuel Williamson Daniel A Penick & John M M Caldwell were appointed a Committee to meet at Philadelphia Church on the 17 Oct and instal the Revd Angus Johnson — S Williamson to preach the Sermon D. A. Penick to give the Charge to the pastor and John M Caldwell to give the charge to the people

The Committee appointed to nominate trustees for Davidson College reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows Viz (Wm Lee Davidson, Charles W Harris, A. Y. Lockridge Adolphus Erwin, Wm Wood Esqrs Revd John Williamson R. H. Morrison D. D. & Dr Joseph W. Ross to serve for three years

Presbty proceeded to the order of the day viz a reference from the Session of Prospect Church it being a case of Charge by Common fame against Francis Beatties ruling Elder of said Church: The reference, Charge and testimony were read whereupon Presbytery resolved to take up and issue the case. The Moderator reminded the Presbytery of their high and responsible Standing as judges in the Court of Jesus Christ

The Revd Walter L Pharr was appointed to assist Mr Beattie in the management of his case.

And on motion it was resolved that

Mr Beattie have leave to introduce any further testimony that he may think proper to introduce. Mr Ramsay & Mr Wm C Johnson were accordingly called on and answered such questions as were deemed important in the case. and their testimony was recorded

The Charge was then read Viz "That Francis Beattie was guilty of forswearing himself;" — and also all the evidence in the case recorded by the Church Session and by the presbytery, was read;

After which the Revd Walter L Pharr was heard in defence of Mr Beattie.

The case having been fully heard, and all the evidence duly weighed Presbytery judge that Francis Beattie was not guilty of the Charge and that he stands acquitted of criminality in the case.

The Revd W. L. Pharr Jesse Rankin & Mr Richard Wade were appointed a Committee to write a letter to the session and Congregation of Prospect expressive of the views of Presbytery in Mr Beatties case.

Resolved that this reference and all the testimony be kept on file, and that no further minute be made than the Charge and judgment of Presbytery, in the case.

Mr Murdock had leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

The Committee on the Session Book of Third Creek Concord Town & Back Creek reported and recommend that said Books be approved to pay 38 — 8 and 12 respectively

The Committee on the Session Books of Poplar Tent and Fourth Creek reported that the Book of Poplar Tent has not been handed them, they recommend that the Book of Fourth Creek be approved.

The Committee on the Books of Charlotte and Back Creek report that the Books have not been put into their hands

The Committee on the Books of Ramah & Mallard Creek report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find a short history of those Churches as an introduction to their Sessional Books and recommend that they be approved.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Monday morning at 9 oclock— Concluded with prayer.

Monday morning 15 Oct 9 oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer present as on Saturday and the minutes of Saturday were read

A Call was received from the Church in Salisbury for the ministerial labors of the Rev Wm Hall which having been read and found informal inasmuch as there was no signature to it; Ordered that it be returned to the church in Salisbury

The Revs Robt H Morrison D D and P J Sparrow were appointed a Committee to invite the Presbytery of Bethel and Mecklenburg to meet this Presbytery on the 2nd friday in March next with a view to a conference in relation to the government of Davidson College.

The Committee appointed to prepare a letter to the Session and Congregation of Prospect Church reported and their report was accepted and a Copy thereof together with the judgment of Presbytery in the Bullis Case, ordered to be sent to Prospect Church and read in the Congregation. and that a copy of the letter be

left on file

The Committee on certain questions from the Session of Bethany Church reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows Viz

The Committee appointed to prepare an answer to the question proposed by the Church Session of Bethany beg leave to report the following Viz To the first question which is, "Has a Session the power to grant certificates of dismission to members when their residence is not actually changed? Answer in the affirmative because the giving of such certificates is a thing which often occurs in cities and villages, and in the country also where individuals may reside within the reach of several presbyterian Churches; and who have a right to attach themselves to one in preference to another. Beside our book of discipline does not seem to contemplate, that in every case of dismission, there should be also a change of residence in the applicant— See Book of Discipline Chap X Sect 1st & Chap XI Sect 1st.

The 2nd question is more complicated and difficult Viz Has a Church Session the right, to dismiss (a member (whose their location is unchanged) to connect themselves with a more convenient church, when the Session is satisfied, that their object is eventually to join a new Church in its neighborhood, which may be seriously prejudicial to its interest, and also when such intended organization has not been encouraged by the Presbytery? The first part of this question is the same as the first question, which we have said should be answered in the affirmative. The second part which states what is the object of the applicant for dismission is altogether novel: A church member cannot be dismissed unless it be to join some Church

already in existence— To grant a dismission when it is known he is not going to change his place of residence would be out of order. Moreover it would certainly be improper for any Session to countenance or aid its members in taking incipient steps to organize a Church when Presbytery has not granted permission for that purpose; or has said the organization of such a Church is inexpedient.

Resolved that a copy of the above report be forwarded to the Session of Bethany Church signed by the proper authorities

On motion Presbytery went in a committee of the whole on the business of Davidson College

When the Committee rose Presbytery proceeded to business

Resolved that the salary of Mathimus D Johnston Tutor in Davidson College be raised to Five hundred dollars per annum

The Committee on the Session Book of Salisbury College Church & Centre reported that the two former had not been put into their hands; and they recommend that the Session Book of Centre Church be not approved and that the report be sent to the Session of Centre; which report was adopted.

The Committee on the Session Books of Providence Concord and Salem reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz the Books of Providence and Salem have not been put into their hands— They recommend that the Book of Concord be approved to page 3?

The Committee on the Session Books Philadelphia and Union reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz that they find their records kept with accuracy in general and

recommend that they be approved, except on page 14 of the Book of Philadelphia, when the Session postponed a trial indefinitely because the accused was detained by Sickness— and on page 28 of the Book of Union when it appears the Session took testimony against an accused member in his absence; and before they had issued their last citation to the accused.

On the subject of Foreign Missions the following preamble and resolutions were adopted viz

Whereas a Board of Foreign Missions has been fully organized by the Gen Assembly of our Church and is now in successful operation; and the Gen Ass. has urgently invoked all the Ministers of the Presbyterian Church, to come to the help of the Church in this great work of converting the world

Therefore Resolved unanimously by the Presbytery of Concord that the time is now come for the Synod of N.C. to be connected with the Assembly Board of Foreign Missions; and that if the Synod of N.C. has not at its late Meeting, resolved to change the connexion of the Central Board of Foreign Missions from the Am. Board to the Gen Assembly Board as was recommended by the Synod of N.C. at its last stated meeting— that our connexion with the Central Board should be immediately dissolved, and the Synod of N.C. as such become auxiliary to the Gen Assembly Board of F. M.

Resolved that the above resolution be overtured through the Committee of Bills and Overtures to the Synod of N.C. at its next stated meeting by our Stated Clerk——

Resolved that the next Stated Session of Concord Presbytery be held at Sugar Creek Church on the 2nd Friday in March 1839 at 11 o'clock A.M.

The committee on the minutes of the Gen Ass. reported in part and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

For years the conflicting and unhappy State of the Presbyterian Church, has been manifestly and rapidly approaching a Crisis, to which no friend of her interest could look with indifference.

That her two members should sit in passive silence, and see her pure doctrines and order continually assailed and supplanted by her professed adherents, was not to be expected.

— and yet when the needed and faithful warning against encroaching & dangerous errors was given, — the friends of truth were charged by the New School party, with an intolerant Spirit and unchristian zeal

In this humbled State of our Church, whilst a strong Foreign, influence was bearing down with fearful effects on her sacred rights and interests; — and whilst new and dangerous doctrines were publishing from many of her pulpits, and learning from the press; —

— the Church felt it to be her right, as it was her most sacred duty to arise in the strength of her Redeemer and reform encroaching abuses.

In this arduous work the Lord was graciously pleased to interpose for the defence of our beloved Zion; in a manner, demanding our lasting gratitude.

When it appeared that the disturbers of our peace had the fixed determination of adhering to their erroneous doctrines, and still holding a place in the Presbyterian Church that they

might rule and revolutionize it; the Lord evidently confused their counsels, and delivered his Church in the day of her adversity.

That the Gen Assembly of 1838 which held its session in the 1st Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia was the true and only Gen Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. we hold to be an obvious fact to every unprejudiced mind.

Therefor Resolved that we highly approve the dignified and Christian manner in which the true Gen Ass of 1838 acted, during the strange and willful disorder of the Seceding party

Resolved that we fully approve the action of said Assembly for the reform and pacification of the Church, and that we will sustain to the extent of our ability, this noble struggle for the purity and purity of our Zion

Ordered that the above be published in the Presbyterian Watchman of the South. & Christian Herald.

Resolved that we approve the injunction of the Gen Assembly on page 39 of the printed minutes

Resolved that we approve the recommendation of the Gen Ass. to observe the monthly Concert on the 1st Sabbath of the month

The Revd S Fronts and A.Y. Lockridge were appointed a committee to report to the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery on the minutes of the Gen Assembly Page 46 of printed minutes

Resolved that we hail with gratitude to God the formation of a Board in the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of publishing religious tracts and Sabbath School Books, and that we affectionately recommend that Board to the members of the Church. under our care

Resolved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions respecting this Presbytery becoming auxiliary to the Presbyterian Tract and Sabbath School Societies

The Revd Wm McC Pietes D D. agent of the G. A. B. P. M. repeated in writing on the subject of Mission

The Revs P. J. Sparrow and Jesse Rankin were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on this report

The Revs Jesse Rankin had leave to retain the call from Fourth Creek for consideration until next meeting of Presbytery

Presbytery held an intelocutory meeting.

Presbytery proceeding to business The Revd J. Frontis had leave of absence after tonight

The Committee appointed to draft resolution respecting this Presbytery becoming auxiliary to the Presbyterian Tract and Sabbath School Societies reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz Whereas it is highly important to the spread of Sound doctrine that suitable tract and books inculcating and defending the doctrines of our Church, be extensively Circulated in our Congregations and Sabbath Schools and whereas the Gen Ass of our church has lately appointed a Board for the publication of doctrinal tracts and Sabbath School books; therefore Resolved

1st That this Presbytery now become auxiliary to the Gen Ass. Board for the publication of doctrinal tracts and Sabbath School books, and commend said Board to the prayers of our Churches and solicit on its behalf the contributions of all who love the truth of God; and think it important to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints,,

2nd Resolved that it be recommended to the churches under our care, as far as practicable, to take up contributions for this object to be forwarded yearly to Presbytery at its Spring meeting; with the understanding that each contributor shall receive in tracts and books published by said Board the full amount of his contributions

3 That it be enjoined on all the Ministers and ruling Elders of our Presbytery to supply the Sabbath Schools in their respective congregations with the publications of the Gen Ass's Board for doctrinal tracts and Sabbath School Books

The Revs Drs Robinson & Morrison and the Revd P. J. Sparrow with Wm Lee Davidson and Wm King Esqr were appointed a committee to draft and print forthwith a circular letter to be addressed to the Pastors and Ministers of all the Congregations engaged in aiding and building up Davidson College; stating the prospects and wants of the Institution; and soliciting immediate collection of all dues and arrearages on their several Subscriptions.

1 Resolved that it be enjoined on the ministers to read publickly said letter to their respective charges as soon after the adjournment of Synod as may be practicable, and that they make report to the President or Professors of the College, of their success on or before the 15th day of Dec next.

2 Resolved that this Presbytery now inform the Presbytery of Bethel that it is very desirable that a third Professor should be appointed with as little delay as possible; and that we regard it as their privilege to nominate said Professor; with a view that so soon as the prospects of the institution will justify,

the measure, he may be appointed & inducted into office ✓

3 Resolved That it be recommended to the Trustees to hold a meeting as soon as practicable after the 15th of Dec and at that time take into consideration the State and prospects of the Institution as exhibited in the reports of the Ministers of the several Congregations; and that the Trustees be empowered by Presbytery should they deem the measure necessary or expedient, to appoint a special agent for the purpose of soliciting additional funds with such instructions as the Board in their wisdom may think proper to furnish.

4 Resolved That the funds collected by said agent be considered as having special reference to the support or endowment of the Professorship about to be filled by the nomination of the Bethel Presbytery

The Committee on the Session books of Rocky River and Poplar reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz they recommend that these books be approved as far as recorded; ✓

Resolved that Presbytery approve of the step taken by the Board of Trustees of D.C. to unite as far as possible the Presbyterian influence in the State of N.C. and S.C. in the support of Davidson College

The committee to whom was referred the report of Dr. McPhetters agent of G.A.N.E. Missions and their report was adopted and is as follows viz: Your Committee recommend

the adoption of the following minute. Presbytery are much gratified in being able to bear testimony to the faithful and judicious manner in which the Revd Dr. McPhetters has discharged the duties of his agency within our bounds, and cordially invite him whenever it shall accord with his plans to revisit our Churches, with the assurance of our cooperation

We have noticed with attention the several sums contributed by the different Churches and the aggregate amount of the whole; and while we are disposed to commend the liberality of some of our Congregations, we are of opinion that if the magnitude and importance of the Domestic Mission enterprize had been duly appreciated, a larger amount than what has been contributed would have rewarded the labors of the agent within our bounds

Resolved that an abstract of the report of the agent be spread on our minutes, that it may be seen what Churches in our bounds have been visited and also what contributions have been made by the Churches respectively in aid of the Missionary Cause

Resolved that the Sessions of those Churches which the agent has not at this time been able to visit as specified in his report be earnestly requested to take order on the subject of Domestic missions and to contribute to that object at some convenient time before the Close of the present year

Resolved that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Mocksville and vicinity for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members. and that this resolution be read on

tomorrow when the Congregation commence for worship

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock Closed with prayer

Tuesday Morning 9 oclock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and commenced with prayer present as on yesterday and the minute of yesterday were read

The following abstract from the report of the agent of the Gen Assembly Board of Dom Mission was ordered by order of Presbytery

Collected in Salisbury	40	20
Rocky River	41	86
Providence	50	00
Sugar Creek	31	72½
Charlotte	13	15
Steel Creek	22	70
Paw Creek	1	88½
Hopewell	16	90
Ramah	9	50
Poplar Tent	25	55
Davidson College	10	
Centre	5	50
from Rev John McPherson Centre	1	
Back Creek Church	50	
Providence	3	90
Mocksville	14	95
Thyatira	17	
	358	85

Adjourned to meet at 3 Creek Church on the 20 Inst.

Concluded with prayer

J Williamson Moderator

Thirs Creek Church 20 Oct 1838

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was Constituted with prayer Present the Revd Drs Robinson J Williamson Walter S Pharr John M Crowe Dr Morrison & Brevard &c. with Elders John Johnston Richard Holt & John Simpson

Resolved that the sum of $166 dollars Collected by the Revd Dr McPhelan be transmitted by the hand of Dr McPhelan the agent to the Gen Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions

Presbytery were favored with a Statement by the Revd Alex Wilson just returned from a mission to S.C. Africa of his Labors; and of the condition and prospects of the heathen in that land of moral desolation from which the ministers of Jesus have been driven compelled to flee

After the address of Mr Wilson Presbytery united in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the preservation of the life of the Brother returned and also for the mercies shewn to the Mission family, of which he was one; — and in prayer for the benighted heathen and for the success of the missionary cause throughout the world.

Adjourned to meet at Sugar Creek Church on the 2nd Friday in March next at 11 Oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

Sugar Creek Church 8th of March 1839

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and at the request of the Moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Revd S. S. Sparrow from the 2nd Epistle of the 4th Chapt. 2d Epistle to Timo. "Preach the word" and constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson DD	Wm L. Sillion
" John Williamson	Thomas B Johnston
" Walter L Shaw	Robt Query
" Stephen Frontis	
" Samuel Williamson	Wm Cunningham
" Henry N. Shaw	James B Thomas
" David A Penick	James Query
" Saml L Watson	Jonathan Reid
" Wm M Hall	Saml Moreland
" Patrick J Sparrow	Wm McKee
" Reuben G Lockridge	John M Lemmon
" Alex E Wilson	
" James D Hall	John McCulloch
" James M McAdams	Wm Wood
" John M McCullough	Amos Alexander
" John M Wilson	James A Hall
" Angus Johnston	Franklin White
" James P McElroy	Duncan Nevins
Absent Revd	James McElroy DD
"	John M Ewen
"	Robt H Morrison DD
"	Alex L Drummond
"	Silas Hankins
"	James E. Morrison
"	Daniel Limerick
"	Thomas P Johnston

The Revd John M Wilson was chosen Moderator and the Revd Henry N. Shaw Clerk

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last Session was suspended for the present that the business of Dandron College might be taken up

The Revd Messrs Lyne Johnston John L. Davis Wm B. Davis Pinson & Binion & B. C. Wilson of the Pres of Bethel; and the Revd Messrs A. L. Watts Wm A. Morrison and T. H. Nash of the Pres of Morganton being present were invited to sit with us as Corresponding members

A letter was presented from the Revd John M Erwin assigning reasons for his absence and requesting a dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between himself and the Congregations of Center & Prospect; and communications having been received from the said congregations, giving their consent that the pastoral relation between them and the Revd John M Erwin should be dissolved according to his wish

Therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation between the Revd John M Erwin and the Congregations of Center and Prospect be and it hereby is dissolved and the said Congregations declared vacant.

Mr Erwin also requested by letter a dismission from this Pres to join the Pres of Arkansas in the bounds of which he expects to be located. Whereupon Resolved that the Revd John M Erwin be and he hereby is dismissed from this Pres and affectionately recommended to the Pres of Arkansas as a member in good and regular Standing

On Motion Presbytery went into a committee of the whole on the business of Davidson College Revd John M Wilson in the chair.

At 4 o'clock the committee rose and reported thereon

Adjourned to meet at the house of Dr Thomas Caldwell at 7 o'clock P.M. this evening

Closed with prayer

At Dr Caldwell 7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator the Revd John Williamson was chosen Moderator pro. tem.

Constituted with prayer

Mr Andrew H Caldwell was introduced to Pby as desirous to put himself under our care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry

Mr Caldwell having exhibited satisfactory testimonials of his regular church membership and good moral character, Pby proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the office of the ministry; with which examination Presbytery being fully satisfied

Therefore resolved that Mr Caldwell be and he hereby is received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry

Mr Caldwell presented a Diploma as a regular graduate of Athens College in Ohio, and Pby proceeded to examine him on the Latin and Greek Languages, which examination was considered and sustained; Pby being informed that Mr Caldwell had been Student of Theology two years and a half at the Union Theo Seminary in Va. and was prepared to exhibit some

written pieces, as parts of trial, or subjects previously suggested to him as appropriate to Members of this Pres ... Presbytery proceeded to hear a Latin exercise on the theme Deus homo, propriis viribus, ad Deum convertere possit?

And a critical exercise on the 3rd & 4th verses of the 2nd chapt of the 2nd Epistle to the Thessalonians And also a Sermon on Eph. VI Chap. 10–18 verses inclusive; all which were considered and sustained as parts of trial

Adjourned to meet at Sugar Creek Church tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Closed with prayer

Sugar Creek Church 9th of March 1837

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer, Present as on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday and last evening were read and also the minutes of the last stated Session and of the Session at this Church

The Revd Messrs J. Williamson D. McPherick Jell H. Adams and Angus Johnston and ruling Elders for the absence from the last stated Session of Pres.

Resolved that a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds be the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 oclock and the Revd Messrs J. Thom and W.G. Leckey were appointed a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative to be sent up to the Next Gen Assembly

A letter was read from the Revd Jesse Rankin requesting a dismission to join

the Pres of Orange: and whereas this Presbytery at the Session at Mocksville Oct. 1836 put a call from the congregation of South Creek into the hands of Mr Rankin for consideration; therefore resolved that Mr Rankins application now for a dismission be considered as a rejection of said Call.

Resolved that the request of the Revd Jesse Rankin be granted and that he be and he hereby is dismissed from this Presbytery and affectionately recommended to the Pres of Orange as a member in good and regular standing

A call was presented from the first Church in Salisbury for the Pastoral labors of the Revd Stephen Frontis which being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Frontis for his consideration — and by him accepted

Presbytery then went into a committee of the whole on the business of Devotion Revd the Revd S. McWilliams in the chair

When the committee rose Pby resumed its Sessions and proceeded to business

The Revd Walter L. Shaw & James E. Morrison appeared in Presbytery were known for their order and took their seat

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day viz. a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds, Revds Messrs J. Shaw and A.W. Lockridge the committee to take notes and write a narrative to be forwarded to the next Gen Assembly

On motion resolved that the Revd Stephen Frontis preach the doctrinal sermon on tomorrow morning at 10 oclock

Adjourned to meet at this place on monday morning at 9 oclock Concluded with prayer

Monday morning 11th March 1839. 9 o'clock
Presbytery met according to adjournment and was
constituted with prayer. present as on saturday
On motion resolved that the business of
Davidson College be taken up
Resolved that this Presbytery accept the Charter
granted to Davidson College by the Legislature
of this State.
Resolved that the Trustees of Davidson College
take immediate and effectual measures to
secure a good and clear title to the
Lands heretofore purchased from Wm. L. Davidson
for the use of said College
The following article of a Constitution for the
government of Davidson College were presented
by a committee previously appointed for that
purpose and after full examination article
by article were unanimously adopted.
viz.

Constitution of Davidson College

Art I Of the Board of Trustees

Sect 1 A Board of Trustees consisting of 48 mem-
bers shall be chosen by the Presbyteries of Concord
Bethel and Morganton, and also Presbyteries that
may hereafter be united with them in patronizing
Davidson College — the Pres of Bethel choosing
12. the Pres of Morganton 12 and the Pres
of Concord (for the present) the remaining
24. The term of office of one fourth of whom
shall expire at the end of one year, of another
fourth at the end of two years, of another at
the end of three years; and of the other at
the end of four years, subject however to
reelection; and the Presbyteries shall fill

the vacancies as they occur by the expiration of the term
of office, electing each class for four years
The Presbyteries shall fill all vacancies in the Board
occasioned by death or otherwise at the first stated
Sessions after such vacancies occur
Sect 2nd None shall be eligible to the office of a trustee
but such as are members in full communion in the
Presbyterian Church.
Sect 3 The Board of Trustees shall meet twice each
year at the semi annual examinations, and oftener
on their own adjournments, or whenever deemed
necessary; 12 of whom shall be a quorum, to transact
business.
Sect 4 The Board shall choose out of their own members
a President two or more vice Presidents and a
Secretary — in the absence of the President and
Vice Presidents the senior member present shall
preside
Sect 5 The President of the Board, or in the event
of his death or absence, the first vice President
shall at the request of any 3 members expressed
to him in writing, call a special meeting of
the Board, by a circular letter addressed to
each member of the Board, in which letter
notice shall be given not only of the place
and time of meeting, but also of the business
intended to be transacted at the called meeting
and this letter shall be sent at least 2 weeks
before the time of said meeting
Sect 6 Of the Secretary of the Board
The secretary of the Board shall keep an
accurate record of all their proceedings and
conduct the correspondence of the Board.

Sec. 7th Every meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer

Sec 8 The Board shall lay before the Presbyteries annually at their fall Sessions, a faithful detail of the State of the Institution

Sec 9th

The Board shall inaugurate the President, Professors and Tutors of the Institution, and shall direct what forms shall be used, and what Services shall be performed on such occasions

Sec 10th At the close of each term, an examination of all the Students shall be held in the presence of the Board, or a committee appointed by the Board, who shall determine whether the examination shall be sustained or not

Sec 11th The Board of Trustees shall be the court of final appeal in all cases of discipline, and they alone shall have the power of expelling a Student from the institution

Art II of the Professors

Sec 1st When the Institution shall be completely organized there shall be

1st A Preparatory Classical Teacher

2nd A Teachers department, and

3d not fewer than three Professors viz

1st A Professor of Moral Philosophy Logick Rhetorick and the evidences of Christianity, who shall be the president and master of the Institution and have the supervision of the Manual Labor department

II A Professor of Mathematicks Natural Philosophy and Chemistry

III A Professor of Ancient Languages

Sec 2nd The President, Professors and Tutors shall be elected by the Presbyteries aforesaid in the following order viz When in the opinion of the Board of Trustees it shall be necessary to elect said officers the Board shall invite a Constitutional meeting of the several Presbyteries patronizing the College to be held at a time and place designated by the Board when as Presbyteries they shall proceed to the election of such officer or officers in such way as shall be mutually agreed on and it shall require a majority of the votes of all the Presbyteries so convened to elect such officer (See alteration page 111 2 Oct 1834)

Sec 3 No Person shall be inducted into the office of Teacher or Professor unless he be a member of the Presbyterian Church in full Communion

Sec 4 The Teachers and Professors shall on their inauguration enter into the following obligation viz.

"I do sincerely believe the Scriptures of "the Old and New Testament to be the word "of God — The only infallible rule of "faith and practice

"I do sincerely receive & adopt the Confession of "the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. as "faithfully exhibiting the doctrines taught in the "Holy Scriptures

"I do sincerely approve and adopt the form "of Government and discipline of the Presbyte- rian Church in the United States, & I do solemn- "ly engage not to teach any thing that is "opposed to any doctrine contained in the "Confession of Faith; nor to oppose any of the fundamental principles of Presbyterian

Church Government while I continue a Professor or Teacher in this Institution

Sec 5 Each Professor shall receive a Salary of one thousand dollars annually which sum however may be modified by the Presbytery at their regular Sessions

The Presbytery shall appoint the Tutors on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and fix their Salaries

Sec 6th Any Professor intending to resign his office shall give six months notice of such intention to the Board of Trustees unless they shall release him from this obligation

Sec 7 The Professors of the Institution shall be a Faculty, who shall meet on their own adjournment, or whenever convened by the President, and it shall be the duty of the Faculty to arrange the Classes make rules of order and decorum, and exercise discipline in every case except that of final expulsion

Sec 8 Each Professor shall have an equal vote in the decisions of the faculty

Sec 9th If in the opinion of any of the Faculty united in the management of the College or in the opinion of the Board of Trustees any cause should exist rendering it expedient that any one of the Professors or Tutors should be removed from office either of the Presbytery at the suggestion of any three of their members or of the Board of Trustees shall institute before them an inquiry on the same, and if the

cause be found sufficient the Presbytery shall have the power to remove such professor or Tutor from office

Art III Of the Course of Studies

1st of the Teacher Department

The Teacher Department shall embrace the following branches Viz

1st Reading 2 Writing 3 Common Arithmetick and Penmanship 4 English Grammar 5 Geography & 6 the most improved methods of teaching Common Schools.

2nd The Preparatory School, embracing

1st The Latin Language. Adams Latin Grammar Moores Reader Cæsar Commentaries 4 Books and Virgil the whole

2 The Greek Language Collins Greek Grammar Greek Testament John 1st English Grammar Arithmetic and Geography

Collegiate Course

Freshman Class

First Term

1st Latin Sallust 2 Graca Minora ~~Xenophon~~ 3 Days Algebra

Second Term

1 Cicero Select orations

2 Graca Majora Historical part

3 Days Algebra Complete

Sophomore Class

1 Virg 2 Graca Majora 1st Vol completed

3 Euclids Elements of Geometry

Second Term

1 Horace through the odes

2 Graca Majora 2nd Volume

3 Plane Trigonometry

Junior Class
First Term

1 Horace Comfield 2 Graeca Magna 2d Vol
3 Greek Fables

Second Term

1 Saactus, 2d Homer Iliad 3 Spherical
Trigonometry ~~and 4 Arithmetic and Mental Philosophy~~

2nd Term

~~1 Homer 2 Levick 3 Political 4th Political ~~Class Book~~~~

Junior Class
First Term

1 Juvenal 2 Homer Iliad 3 Natural Philosophy and Chemistry 4 Mental and Moral Philosophy

Second Term

1st Astronomy 2 Logick 3 Rhetorick 4 Political Class Book

Art IV. of Manual Labor

Sec 1st Each Student who enters this Institution shall perform manual labor on the agricultural or mechanical in the manner and to the extent determined by the Board of Trustees

Sec 2nd There shall be a Steward whose duty it shall be to manage the farm and Boarding House and direct the Students during their Labor hours

The Salary of the Steward shall be paid by the Board of Trustees

Sec 3 Mechanicks shall be introduced into the institution to such extent and in such way as the Board of Trustees shall judge proper

Sec 4 Each Student shall receive for his labor such compensation as shall be allowed by the Board of Trustees

Sec 5 The proceeds of the labor of the Students shall belong to the Institution, and shall be disposed of by the Board of Trustees in such way as they may deem most for the advantage of the Institution

Article V. of the Religious Instruction

Sec 1st Morning and evening prayers shall be held in the Chapel by the Professors in rotation; and all the Students shall be required to attend

Sec 2 There shall be preaching to the Students in the Chapel at least twice on each Sabbath by the professors who are ministers in rotation

Sec 3 There shall be Bible Classes embracing all the Students of the Institution, conducted by the Professors in such way as they shall deem most proper

Art VI. Of the Students

Sec 1st No Student shall be admitted into this Institution under 12 years of age

Sec 2 Every Student when admitted into the Institution shall be required to produce satisfactory testimonials of his good Moral Character

Sec 3 Every Student on entering this Institution shall be required to sign the following pledge Viz. I hereby subscribe to the laws of this Institution, and promise

obedience to the Same; and submission to all the wholesome admonitions of the Professors and Faculty, so long as I remain a Student of the Institution

Sec 4 No Student shall play any game of Hazard whilst a member of the Institution

Sec 5 No Student shall absent himself from the Institution without permission of some member of the Faculty

Sec 6 The use of ardent Spirits, profane Swearing and immorality of every sort is forbidden by the Laws of this Institution

Sec 7th All the Students shall strictly conform to such arrangements of Study, Labor and recreation, as the Faculty and Superintendant shall make

Sec 8 No Student shall advance to the Studies of a higher Class, until he has compleated those prior to it to the Satisfaction of the Faculty

Sec 9 All the Students intend for a full Course shall be required to declame and exhibit Compositions at such times as the Faculty may determine

Sec 10. Should it become necessary to expel a Student all the other Students are forbidden any intercourse with him on pain of the highest displeasure of the Faculty and Board of Trustees

Sect 11th The Faculty shall read to the Students this Legislation (including the provisions of this Constitution) so far as it relates to the conduct of the Students)

at least once every Session

Article VIIth of the Vacations

There shall be two Vacations in each year, of 4 weeks each, one commencing on the 1st day of August and the other on the 1st of February.

Article VIIIth.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two thirds of the members of the Presbyteries adopting it which may be present at any regular meeting of said Presbyteries; notice having been given one Session previous

Ordered that the Stated Clerk transcribe the constitution of Davidson College on the Book of Presbyterial Records; and that he be compensated for the same.

On Motion Presbytery proceeded to vote for a part of the officers of Davidson College and The Rev. Robt H Morrison D.D. was chosen Pres-

and the Revd Patrick J. Sparrow Professor of Ancient Languages, and Mr Malcom D. Johnston Tutor

On motion Presbytery proceeded by ballot to vote for a Professor of Mathematicks and Natural Philosophy in Davidson College and the Revd William Phillips A.M. of Chapel Hill was declared to be elected by this Presbytery

Presbytery proceeded to elect Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly; and The Revd Daniel A Penick and Capt John McCulloch ruling Elder were elected principals and the Revd John M M Caldwell and Mr Gray Andrews ruling Elder alternate

Resolved that it be the order of the day for 2 o'clock this afternoon to hear the popular Sermon of Mr Andrew McCaldwell The Revd Messrs James E Morrison James D Hall James P McPherson and Messrs James A Hill and Duncan Brown ruling elders and Com of absence after the Session of the afternoon.

The committee appointed at our last stated Session for a minute expression of the views of this Presbytery on the subject of abbreviated Creeds, Confession and Church Covenants, referred by the last Gen Assembly to the Presbytery as found on the 46 page of the printed minutes reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows Viz

"The Committee to report on that part of the minute of the last Gen Assembly found on page 46 respecting the manner of admitting members to the communion of the

Church — beg leave to report that in their opinion the first Clause of the first item viz "Whether members received into our communion "ought to be received only in private by the "Church Session. Viz Should be answered in the Affirmative. ——— and that the latter part of the said item should be answered in the negative. Because in Chapt 9 Sect 6 of our Form of Government which treats of the Church Session, it is expressly stated as their duty to receive members into the Church and it does not appear to your Committee that any thing further is necessary

To the second item we would answer that if there be a publick reception, the profession and Covenant should be limited.

To the 3d item your committee suggest that if a majority of the Presbyteries are favorable to a publick reception that then the Gen Assembly should settle upon a proper abbreviated formulary to be used in all our Churches

As to the mode of reception and profession of faith by Candidates for adult baptism; your Committee believe that in accordance with our direction for Worship Chapt 9. Sect. 4 such persons should make a publick profession of of their faith in the presence of the Congregation, and that the particular form then used should be left discretionary with each Church Session

Signed Stephen Frontis } Com.
A. G. Lockridge }

The Revd Messrs J. Williamson A.G. Lockridge & J. M. H. Adams were appointed a Committee to nominate additional Trustees for Davidson Colly

The said Committee reported the names of Revd Messrs A.G. Lockridge L.L. Watson & J Williamson and their report was accepted and adopted

The following is the classification of the Board of Trustees of D College as to their term of office

I^st Class to serve four year

Revd John Robinson D.D. Gen Ephraim Davidson Thomas J Cowan, Revd Robt H. Morrison D.D. Revd John Williamson & Revd Joseph R. Ross.

IInd Class to serve three years

Mr Lee Davidson, Charles W. Harris Revd Walter C Pharr Robt Sale James M. H. Adams Revd A. Caldwell

IIIrd Class to serve two years

Wm B Wood D.D. Hon W. Alexander Gen D.C. McLane Samuel L Watson & Revd Henry R Pharr. John M Wilson

IVth Class to serve one year

Revd Caleb A. Sparrow James G Torrence Charles L Torrence A. G. Lockridge James M. Osborn & Samuel Williamson

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day viz to hear the popular Sermon of Mr A. M. Caldwell from the 16th verse of the 1st Chapt of the Epistle to the Romans. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, &c.

Ordered that each Minister pay one to the Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly sixty dollars each

Resolved that the Presbytery of Morganton and Bethel be requested to send up to the Presidents of

the Board of Trustees of Davidson College as soon as practicable the result of their action on the following items Viz 1.st Their decision as to the acceptance of the Charter

2.nd As to the adopting of the Constitution

3 Their vote for a person to fill the Professorship of Mathematicks & Natural Philosophy

Resolved that the next Stated Session of this Presbytery be held in Salisbury to meet on the 2.nd Wednesday in Sept next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Revs Messrs A.G. Lockridge J Frontis & D.A. Penick were appointed a committee of Supplies.

The Committee appointed to correspond with the members of the Presbytery who are employed as foreign Missionaries, in regard to a change of their relation from the American to the Gen Assembly Board of Foreign missions read a letter from the Revd Thomas J Johnston which was referred to Revd D. A Penick and Alpheus Fraser to report thereon.

Adjourned to meet at the House of Dr Caldwell this evening at 7 o'clock

Closed with prayer

Dr Caldwell. 7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator Dr Robinson was appointed Moderator pro tem Constituted with prayer

Mr Robt D Alexander Elder from Hopewell Church appeared and took his seat

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Andrew H Caldwell on ~~the Latin~~ Geography, Astronomy, and Natural Philosophy, and on Church History and Theology Church government and the Sacraments. Which examinations together with Mr Caldwells popular sermon were considered and sustained as parts of trial previous to Licensure

On motion Resolved that whereas Mr Andrew H. Caldwell has satisfactorily passed the usual trials Presbytery will at 10½ oclock tomorrow proceed to license him to preach the Gospel as a Probationer

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at Sugar Creek Church at 9 Oclock

Concluded with prayer

Sugar Creek Church 12th of March 1839

Presbytery met according to adjournment, present as on yesterday except those absent with leave Exercises opened with prayer

The minuts of yesterday and last evening were read and Corrected

The committee appointed to write a resolution on the State of religion within our bounds reported and their report was read, Corrected and adopted and ordered to be forwarded by our commissioners to the next Gen Assembly

The Treasurer of the Education Society reported the amount of money received and paid out during the past year

The Comittee of Supplies reported and their report was adopted viz Dr Morrison to supply 4 Sabbaths ~~at Charlotte~~ 1 at Rocky River, Rev J Williamson 1 at Rocky River, Rev H N Pharr 1 at Bethel & Tamble 1 at 4 Creek J Williamson 1 at Rocky River 1 at Sardis Hene N Pharr 1 at South Creek, Saml L Watson 1 at Charlotte Wm A Hall 1 at Mtg Tuesday 1 at 4 James E Morrison 1 at Rocky River Samuel Wallace at Prospect Thomas M M Adams 1 at 4th Creek John M M Caldwell 1 at Charlotte John M Wilson 1 at South Creek

The Committee appointed to report on the letter of Revd Thomas P. Johnston Fayetteville made a report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

The Committee on the letter received from Revd Thomas P Johnston and on the resolution of the last Gen Assembly found on page 42. relative to foreign Missionaries connected with us, and on the expediency of Synod on the same; beg leave to recommend to Presbytery the adoption of the following resolutions viz

1st Resolved that Presbytery highly approve of the respectful and affectionate letter received from the Revd Thomas P. Johnston dated at Fayetteville April 10 1838 stating his reasons why he does not think it expedient or proper to change his present connection with the A.B.C.F.M. and place himself under the care of the Gen Assembly Board of Foreign Missions

The Pres is satisfied with the reasons of Mr Johnston, and believe that in the decision to which he has arrived, he has been actuated by a sincere desire to be useful in the field to which he has been called

2nd Resolved that a committee of two be appointed to write to the Revd Daniel Lindsley & Revd Thomas P. Johnston informing them of the order of the last Gen Assembly relative to our Foreign missionaries, and inform them that if practicable this will encourage us to unite with other Foreign Missionaries within their reach and who are connected with our Church in forming themselves into a Presbytery; and gathering their converts into Presbyterian Churches duly organized by the ordination of Ruling Elders

3 Resolved that Presbytery now appoint the Revd A. E. Wilson who is with us and is about to go again on a Foreign Mission, of the order

of our Gen Assembly on that subject

Signed

Stephen Frontis } committee
James M. H. Adams }

The Revs Stephen Frontis and James M. Hoddams were appointed a committee to correspond with our foreign Missionaries according to the above resolution ✓

A petition was read from the Church of Charlotte requesting a dissolution of the pastoral relation between that Church and the Rev A. J. Scarborough and presbytery having received through the elders of the congregation satisfactory evidence that the dissolution is desired by Mr Scarborough therefore Resolved that the pastoral relation between the Revd Abner J. Scarborough and the congregation of Charlotte be and it hereby is dissolved (by mutual consent) and the congregation declared vacant.

Whereas the Revd A. J. Scarborough has left his charge and left our bounds in what we regard as an irregular way. Therefore Resolved that the Revd D. A. Robinson and Morrison be a committee to correspond with Mr Scarborough in a friendly manner on the subject of his relation to us

Resolved that the installation of the Revd Stephen Frontis as pastor of the 1st Church in Salisbury take place during the next regular session of this presbytery appointed to be held in that place

That Dr Robinson preside and give the charge to the Pastor and the Revd Walter L. Pharr be his alternate. that the Revd

Patrick H. Sparrow preach the sermon & Samuel Williamson be his alternate, that the Revd D. A. Penick give the charge to the people and the Revd Paul L. Watson be his alternate

Resolved that the members of Presbytery take up a collection in their Churches to defray the travelling expenses of our members of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary.

The Committee appointed to install the Revd Angus Johnston pastor of Philadelphia Church reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them

Resolved that the Revs D. A. Penick and John M. M. Caldwell be a committee to meet at Union Church on the day of and install the Revd A. Johnston pastor of said Church.

Resolved that the salary of the President of Davidson College and also that of the Professors of Ancient Languages and of Mathematicks & Natural Philosophy be fixed at twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Resolved that Ministers and agents in congregations be directed to make all possible exertions to have all the funds due on subscriptions to Davidson College collected immediately, and forwarded to the Treasurer

Presbytery according to previous ~~notice~~ resolution proceeded to license Mr Andrew M. Caldwell a candidate under our care to preach the gospel and a record of his licensure was made As follows viz

At Sugar creek Church the 12th day of March 1839. The Presbytery of Concord having met

Ordered that the Stated Clerk furnish the Rev.d John Lacy Davis with an attested copy of the proceedings of this Presbytery in relation to Davidson College, to be laid by him before the Presbytery of Bethel

Adjourned to meet at Salisbury on the 2nd Wednesday in Sept next
Concluded with prayer

J. Williamson Stated Clk

testimonials in favor of Mr. Andrew H. Caldwell of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the presbytery did and hereby license him the said Andrew Harper Caldwell to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this presbytery or wherever else he shall be lawfully called

Resolved that Dr. Morrison & Professor Harris be and they hereby are directed to transfer all the subscription lists taken within the bounds of North Carolina to the Trustees of Davidson College

Resolved that they be and they hereby are directed to transfer all the lists of subscription in the bounds of S. Ca. into the hands of the Rev.d John Lacy Davis agent for Davidson College to be incorporated as a part of a proposed fund of $15.000 to endow a Professorship ~~for~~ ~~that amount can be raised~~ in said College

Called meeting

Charlotte July 10th 1839

The Presbytery of Concord met at the call of the moderator by the following Circular Viz

Bethany Church June 24 1839

At the request of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College I hereby call a Special meeting of the Presbytery of Concord to be held in Charlotta on the 2nd wednesday day of July at 11 oclock A. M.

The business to be transacted is the election of a Professor of Mathematicks &c in Davidson College together with any thing else in connexion with said Institution which may claim the attention of Presbytery It is also suggested that at the same time and place it may be necessary and proper to attend to any business requiring immediate action growing out of the late sessions of our Gen Assembly, such as raising funds to meet the assessment on our Presbytery to defray the expenses of Lawsuit &c.

Signed

J. M. Wilson, Mod.

And was constituted with prayer

Ministers present Revd John Robinson D.D John Williamson Walter L. Pharr Saml Williamson Dand A Penick Wm A Hall Saml S. Wilson Patrick I Sparrow A. Y. McAnulty James D. Hall James M. Adams John M. M Caldwell Angus Johnston and John M. Wilson

Absent Revds James McKee D.D Robt H. Morrison D.D Stephen Frontis Henry N Pharr A J Beaumont. James S McPherson & James E Morrison & one foreign Missionary

On motion resolved that Pby have a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator

At the call of the Moderator Presbytery met and the Revd Henry N. Pharr appeared and took his seat

Elders present Charles W. Harris James Semple John E Sloan Lawson Torrence D. Alex Caldwell Dod Joseph W. Ross Daniel Parks Jonathan Reid Wm King James Sillimon Robt Johnston John Hoey Franklin White & Thomas Allison

On motion resolved that presbytery now proceed to vote by ballot for a Professor of Math Mathicks and natural Philosophy in Davidson College The Revd James D. Hall was appointed to receive and count the votes and report to Presbytery. Mr. Hall appointed to count the votes reported that the Revd Samuel Williamson had received Twenty one votes and the Revd D. McNeill Turner of Fayetteville had received Seven

On motion resolved that the members and Congregations belonging to this Presbytery contribute to pay the assessment of $&c. by the last Gen Assembly the sums which they severally paid to the Commissioners fund last March and the members present paid to the Treasurer as follows Viz from Poplar Tent $7 Hopewell 7 Mallard Creek & Ramah 5 Centre and Unity 6 Fourth Creek 6. College Church 5 Providence & Huron 7 Rocky River 8 Concord & Salem 5 Steel Creek 6 Unity 5 Charlotte 6 Back Creek 6 Thyatira 5 Flint Creek 7

Sugar Creek 4 Bethany 4 Philadelphia 6

Adjourned to meet at Salisbury Sept 11th at 11 Oclock A. M.

Concluded with prayer

Examined & approved thus far.

Synod of North Carolina in Session at Lincolnton, October 12th 1839.

Danl. A. Penick Moderator.

Salisbury 11th Sept 1839

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd John M. Wilson the Moderator from the 9th verse of the 8th Chap of 2nd Cor, and constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	David Johnson
" Walter L. Pharr	Jas L. Byers
" Stephen Frontis	James Carrigan
" Samuel Williamson	Michal Brown
" Henry N. Pharr	James Adams
" Daniel A. Penick	John Pefer
" Wm. S. Hall	John Torrentine
" Andrew M. Lockridge	George Andrews
" James D. Hall	Geage Thomason
" John M. Wilson	Silas Briley
" Angus Johnson	Cyrus Morrison
" James P. McPherson	Jas Sumner
"	Abel Graham
	John Campbell
	David Ramsay
	James Montgomery
	James Pharr

Absent Revd James McRee D.D. John Williamson Robt M. Morrison D.D. Saml L. Watson Patrick L. Sparrow Abner L. Lawrence James E. Morrison Jas M. McAden John M. McCaldwell Danl Lindley Thos P. Johnston Alex E. Wilson

The Revd Angus Johnson was chosen Moderator and the Revd Danl A. Penick Clerk and the minutes of the last stated sessions and of the called meeting at Charlotte were read

The Revd S. Fronty and Jas P. McPherson gave satisfactory reasons for their absence from the meeting in Charlotte.

Resolved that the installation of the Revd S. Fronty be on tomorrow evening at 7 oclock P.M.

Calls were presented and read from the Congregations of Centre and Prospect each for one half the ministerial labor of the Revd John L Davies of Bethel Pres. asking leave to prosecute the same before said Pres.

Whereupon Resolved that the said Congregations have leave to prosecute their calls before the Presbytery of Bethel

Committees were appointed on Sessional records and required to report on the same during the present sessions

The Revd A. G. Lockridge D. A. Penick and Mr George Andrews were appointed a Committee to examine the minutes of the last Gen Assembly and report such items as may require the notice of Pres.

A letter from the Stated Clerk of our Synod was read and referred to Revd Saml Williams and W. P. Shaw to report thereon

The Revd D. A. Penick our Commissioner to the last Gen Assembly reported that himself and John McCulloch ruling Elder had both attended to the duties assigned them

The Committee appointed to correspond with our foreign Missionaries reported that they had not yet attended to that duty; and the same Committee was continued.

The Com appointed to correspond with the Revd A. J. Leavenworth reported that they had not performed the duty assigned them, and were continued.

Inquiry was made whether the members had complied with the order of Pres. to take Collections to defray expenses of Directors to the Union Theo Seminary, and it appeared that it had been generally neglected. Whereupon Revd D Williamson and A. G Lockridge were appointed a Com on the Claims of our Directors to U. T. S. and of the Stated Clk of Synod of of Gen Pres. with directions to report thereon

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ oclk

Concluded with prayer

Thursday morning 8½ oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment Present as on yesterday and constituted with prayer

The Committee on the minutes of the Gen Assembly reported as claiming the attention of Presbytery Item I on Page 166 respecting the reading of the Scriptures, Item 2 on pages 166 & 167 Board of Missions Item 3 on pages 168. 9 F. Miss 4.. 169 on the Centenary - 5 on page 170 Board of Publication

The Stated members of Pres were called on to State their practice in reference to the reading of the Scriptures in publick worship and it appeared that nearly all our ministers are accustomed to read a portion of Scripture in the congregation as required in our directory for publick worship

The Revd James E Morrison appeared in Pres. gave reasons for tardiness and took his seat

Items Nos 2. 3. & 4 in the Minutes of the Gen Assembly were referred to the next State Sessions

The following questions were proposed to the Presby and definite answers desired viz 1st Is that lawful and valid Baptism which is administered by a man which has been suspended from the Gospel Ministry 3d
2 Should persons who were thus baptized in infancy and are now in the Communion of the Church be rebaptized 2d
3 Is an individual authorized by the Confession of Faith to act as a ruling Elder in our Church who has been ordained to that office by a man who had been regularly suspended from all the functions of a Gos Minist 3d

Resolved that the 1st and 3d questions be answered in the negatives, and the 2nd in the affirmative

The Revd P. I Sparrow appeared in Pres gave reasons for tardiness and took his seat

The Revd A.G. Lockridge John M. Wilson and Mr Graham were appointed a committee on the subject of a Presbyterial Board of Publication to report during the present session

A letter was received from the Revd R. H. Morrison D.D. assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present and the last Sessions

A letter was received from the Revd Jas McRee D.D. and ordered to be read

referred to Revd P. I. Sparrow and John Robinson D.D. to report thereon during the present Sessions. Our Treasurer being absent the Revd Saml Williamson was appointed Treas pro. tem.

The following Churches paid towards defraying the cost of the late lawsuit of the Gen Assembly viz Bethany and Tabor $4. Bethpage & Concord Town $4. Prospect $3.

The Committee on the Claims of the Director of the Union Theo Sem. and of the Treas of Synod reported that owing to the absence of the Treas of Presbytery they are not able certainly to ascertain the amount of Claims by the Treas of Synod against the Presbytery but find that it will require at least fifty dollars to meet the claims that will be due at next Synod

Therefore Resolved that the Standing members of Pres be required to pay each $2.00 & that an opportunity be given to the ruling Elders who are members of Pres to contribute to this object and the following members paid by

Jas L. Byers	$1.50	John Phifer	2.00
Col Ramsay	1.50	Geo Thomason	0.25
Revd Jas E Morrison	2.00	Revd F. A. Penick	2.00
" A G. Lockridge	2.00	Jas Cowgen	0.50
" Wm A Hall	2.00	J. Fronts	2.00
Mr. Cyrus Morrison	0.50	H. N. Pharr	2.00
" J W. Turrentine	0.25	Jas Adams	1.00
Dr. Robinson	2.00	Michal Brown	2.00
W S. Pharr	2.00	Jas P. McPherson	2.00
Mr. John Campbell	0.50	J Williamson	2.00
Revd P. I Sparrow	2.00	al Est Dr Morrison	2.00
" J. M. Wilson	2.00	J Williamson	2.00
" A Johnson	2.00	J.L. Watson	2.00
		J. M. McCaldwell	2.00
		Dr Chas H. Harris	1.00
		Jas W Ross	0.50

Mr. Joseph Truman ruling Elder had leave of absence

The Several Committees on Sessional Records Reported that the following Books had been forwarded viz of Concord, Back Creek, Bethpage, Concord Town Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Providence Philadelphia Union Joppa Amity & Franklin which were examined and approved ✓

✓ The Committees reported moreover that the following Books had not been put into their hands viz of Salem Bethany, Tabor 4th Creek 3d Creek Hyattire, Centre, Prospect Ramah Mallard Creek Hopewell Paw Creek Charlotte Steel Creek Pleasant Hill Sharon, Lebanon and College Church. which report was accepted and the Committee discharged

Resolved that the next Stated Sessions of this Pres. be held at Poplar Tent Church on the 2nd Wednesday in March next at 11 Oclock A.M.

The Com appointed to instal the Revd Amzi Johnson in the Congregation of Union reports that owing to the sickness of one of the members, that duty had not been attended to. Whereupon Resolved that Revd S Williamson & D A Penick be a committee to meet at Union Church on the 1st Friday in Nov next & instal Revd A John Pastor of said Congregation. that Revd S Williamson preach the Sermon & Revd D A Penick preside & give the Charges

On the 4th item of the report of the Com. on the minutes of the Gen Assembly, Pres adopted the following Resolution viz

Resolved that the 2nd Sabbath in Dec 1839 be observed by the Ministers and Churches under our care according to the recommendation of the last Gen Assembly and that the amount of Collections be reported to the next Stated meeting of Presbytery

Mr. John Phifer and John Campbell had leave of absence after to night

Presbytery proceeded to instal the Revd Stephen Frontis Pastor of the Church in Statesville the Revd P. J Sparrow preached the Sermon from Matt 28. 19th and Dr. Robinson presided and proposed the constitutional questions, and gave the charge to the Pastor, and the Revd D A. Penick gave the charge to the congregation

The Revd S Williamson had leave of absence

Ordered that the Stated Clerk prepare & forward a report from this Pres to the next meeting of the Synod of N.C.

Adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8½ Oclock; Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning 13 Sept 1839

Pres met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer, present as on yesterday; and the minutes of Yesterday were read

Mr Walter W Pharr was introduced to presbytery as desiring to put himself under our Care with a view to entering the Gospel Ministry

Mr Pharr produced satisfactory testimonials of his full and regular Church membership and of his having graduated at the University of S. Carolina

Mr Pharr was then examined on his experimental acquaintance with Religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry; which exercises being satisfactory therefore Resolved that Mr. Pharr be and he hereby is received under our care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry

The following subjects as parts of trial were assigned Mr. Pharr viz

"An Christus pro omnibus et singulis hominibus ~~mortuus sit,~~ universaliter mortuus sit? an sero electis tantum?

For a Critical exercise Rom 8d 20-26 inclusive; for a lecture Heb 1st Chapt 1, 2 & 3 verses for a popular Sermon 1st Peter 2d 21st

The Revd Wm A Hall had leave of absence

The Com on the Board of Publication reported and their report was adopted and is as follows viz

The Committee appointed on the subject of the Board of publication of the Gen Assembly report that the interests of the Churches under our care require a depository of the Publications of that Board to be established at some place ~~neither~~ over bounds as

soon as practicable Wherefore

1st Resolved that a Depository be established and that $100- of the money which may be collected at the next Centenary be appropriated for establishing said Depository

2d Resolved that Revd R. H. Morrison D.D. be appointed Treasurer and Mr Thomas Sparrow Librarian and Secretary

3 Resolved that Dr Morrison be authorized forthwith to send for one hundred dollars worth of the publications of the Board on the faith of the Presbytery

4 Resolved that the Books and Tracts be sold at Cost and Carriage

The Committee on the letter from Dr McRee reported that they had read said letter and recommend that it be kept on file

Resolved that Dr Robinson & W. A Pharr be a Committee to answer said letter in an affectionate manner

Mr Thomason ruling Elder had leave of absence

Resolved that our Stated Clerk be requested to publish in the watchman of the South an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting and also to publish the meeting of our Presbytery 6 weeks before the time of meeting

Resolved that the Clerk send a copy of the resolutions on the subject of Pres Board publications to Dr Morrison

The Revd Saml Williamson was appointed to preach a Doctrinal Sermon at our next Stated Sessions on the freedom of the Will. and the Revd H. A Pharr his alternate

to preach a Sermon on the next Chapt in order in the Confession of Faith

Adjourned to met at Lincolnton during the Session of Synod at the call of the Moderator

Concluded with prayer

Signed D. A. Penick Clk pro tem

Lincolnton 16th Oct 1839

The Presbytery of Concord met at the call of the Moderator Present Ministers Revd Dr Robinson I Williamson W. L. Pharr Dr Morrison P. Fronties S Williamson H. N. Pharr D A. Penick J. L. Watson Wm A Hall P. I. Sparrow A. G. Lockridge Jas E. Morrison Lewis D Hall Jas M. H Adams Labs Mr M Caldwell John M Wilson Angus Johnston James P McPherson With Elders Charles W. Harris Robt D Alexander. & C.

and was constituted with prayer

The following paid their assessment to defray the debt of Pres. viz see Page 120

The Revd H. N. Pharr & P. I. Sparrow were appointed a Committee to report the present State and Prospects of Davidson College to the Synod of N C

The following report was adopted and directed to be read to the Synod by the Clerk viz The Pby would respectfully inform Synod that at their last stated Sessions 12 Session Books were presented for review and approved and that the Books of 16 Churches were not presented but from the greater part of them satisfactory reasons were given for their absence and the Presbytery has reason to believe that the Churches which had formerly neglected this important duty, are now disposed to comply fully with the requisitions of our Form of Government on this subject

A letter was received through the Stated Clerk from the Revd Wm A McDowell Sec of F A & D. ML. which was referred to the Executive Com on Missions of this Pres who were directed to answer it as soon as practicable

The Com on Davidson College reported and their report was adopted and is as follows (viz)

On the Subject of a College within the bounds of the Synod of N. Car.

The Pres of Concord have adopted the following resolutions (viz)

1st Resolved that this Presbytery express the earnest desire that all the Presbyts in the State of N. Car should Cooperate in building up and sustaining a College worthy of their Character and suited to their want

2 Resolved that the favorable location and growing popularity of Davidson College commend it as an auspicious commencement in this great work

3 Resolved that in the opinion of this Presbytery a proportional and equitable share in the Control of Davidson College should be granted to all the Presbyteries which may unite in supporting it in accordance with the provisions of the Charter already obtained

Resolved that the Executive Committee on Missions be instructed to aid the Pres of Morganton to the extent of their ability in support of Missionary labors within the bounds of said Presbytery

Adjourned to meet at Poplar Tent Church on the 2nd Wednesday in March next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

J Williamson Stated Clk

Poplar-Tent Church 11th of March 1840.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev Angus Johnson the Moderator from Eph. 1st 11th and Constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Robinson D.D.	Wm A Johnson
" John Williamson	John Johnston
" Robt H. Morrison D.D.	Wm A Sample
" Stephen Frontis	Wm Deese
" Samuel Williamson	Saml Lindley
" Henry C. Pharr	Wm Rea
" Daniel A. Penick	Thomas Stephenson
" Saml S. Watson	John Shiver
" Wm A. Hall	John K. McEwen
" A. G. Lockridge	Andrew Gray
" James D. Hall	John F. M'Corkle
" James M. H. Adams	Dr Jos W. Ross
" James E Morrison	Wm R Reed
" John M. M. Caldwell	Wm Gibson
" John M Wilson	Wm Flemming
" Angus Johnson	John Hutie
" James P. McPherson	Thomas A Bell
Absent	George Wilson
Revd James M Pharr D.D.	Wm Jr Davidson
" Walter L. Pharr	
" Patrick J. Farrow	
" Abner A Scarborough	
" Daniel Limerick	
" Thomas P. Johnston	
" Alex E Wilson	

The Revd James M. H Adams was chosen Moderator and the Revd R. L. Watson Clerk.

The minutes of the last Stated session of the Presbytery were

read and the Revd R. L. Watson James M. H. Adams and John M. M. Caldwell gave satisfactory reasons for their absence. Also the records of the Sessions at Lincolnton were read.

The Revd Lyon Johnson of the Presbytery of Bethel presented a regular dismission to connect himself with this Rev M. Johnson was examined according to the rule of this Presbytery assembly and Presbytery being satisfied of his Soundness in doctrine;

Resolved that the Revd Lyon Johnson, be and he hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery

The Revd Saml Williamson requested the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between himself and the congregation of Providence and the consent of the congregation having been given by their delegate in Presbytery

Resolved that the said relation be and it hereby is dissolved and the congregation of Providence declared vacant

The Revd Saml S Watson requested the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between himself and the congregation of Hebron, and the consent of the congregation being given by their delegate in Presbytery, Resolved that the said relation be, and it hereby is dissolved, and the congregation of Hebron declared vacant.

Calls were presented to Presbytery from the congregations of Providence and Hebron for the ministerial labors of the Revd Lyon Johnson, which being read and found in order were put into the hands of M. Johnson for his consideration

A reference from the Session of Hebron Church was presented to Presbytery which was committed to the Revd John Williamson A. G. Lockridge & Dr Ross to report thereon

A Call was presented from the congregation of Bethel in the Presbytery of Bethel for the ministerial labors of the

Rev Samuel S Watson which being read and found in order was put into the hands of Mr Watson for his consideration

The committee appointed to correspond with the Rev Abner S Scarborough, presented a letter from Mr Scarborough, which was read and committed to Rev D J Pench and S Fields to report thereon during the present session

Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock Closed with Prayer

Sopiah Pine Church 12th March 1840 9 o'clock A M

Presbytery met according to adjournment Constituted with prayer the minute of yesterday were read

The committee to whom was referred the letter of the Rev A S Scarborough requesting a dismission to join the Hanover Presbytery reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

The committee appointed on a letter received from the Rev A S Scarborough, beg leave to submit to Presbytery the following minute for their adoption viz

Presbytery cordially respond to the fraternal spirit which characterized the letter of the Rev A S Scarborough, and do sincerely regret that he should feel it his duty to seperate from us.

As Mr Scarborough has removed from our bounds and up to the time of his removal sustained the Character of a minister in good and regular Standing in our presbytery, it would have been very gratifying if he had asked of us leave to join some Presbytery connected with our Gen Assembly or to connect himself with an ecclesiastical Body with which we are in Correspondence.

But inasmuch as he has asked to be dismissed to join a Presbytery not in connection with our General Assembly, and with which we have no correspondence whatever. Our Form of Government renders his request inadmissible.

Presbytery hope that Mr Scarborough will reconsider his request, and ask of us nothing but what is compatible with our ordination Vows; and to the form of Government by which we as presbyterians must abide

The committee on Education reported which report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz

The Standing committee of Education respectfully present to the Presbytery of Concord the following Report

The following Beneficiaries have been under our care during the whole time since the present committee was appointed viz C D McNary, Wm Flinn Archibald Nicky and Thomas H Hamilton, They are students of Davidson College and members of the Junior Class Their Standing for talent Scholarship and piety is respectable, and affords reasonable encouragement to hope that they may be useful to the church

during the 2nd Session of Davidson College John W Phillips was supported as a Student of the Freshman Class at the close of that session as his mind was perplexed with difficulties respecting his call to the ministry he declined receiving farther aid and left the Institution He is now teaching School in Alabama and has written to the committee that he now believes he is not called in the Providence of God to preach the Gospel and has promised to refund all the money paid towards his Education ✓

During the 3d Session of Davidson College Wm L Scroggs was supported as a member of the Freshman Class and

in consequence of delicate health he also left the College and has not received any additional support
With the view of recovering his health and supporting himself he has gone to the West and has written that it remains doubtful whether his health will permit him to prepare for the Ministry
During the two last sessions of College Archibald Neely has been supported by some benevolent ladies associated for that laudable purpose
Thomas H Hamilton has been laboring with laudable perseverance during the last two sessions of College to support himself, and has so far succeeded that it is believed he will not require much aid for that time and perhaps for the next Session
The Treasurer of the Board will make a detailed report of all the monies received and paid out since the appointment of the Committee
A regular report was made to the Gen Assembly Board last Spring in due time & form
As there is no acting agent of the Gen Assembly Board within our bounds, and the importance of efficient efforts to advance the benevolent cause is felt by all who love the Church, the Committee in Nov last appointed Rev Dan[l] A Penick and A. G. Lockridge to visit as far as possible the Churches of this Presbytery and take up collections in aid of the funds. These Brethren will be able to inform Presbytery how far they have succeeded
All of which is respectfully reported
Feby 28 1840 Signed R. H. Morrison Sec'y

The Treasurer of the education committee reported and his report was accepted and referred to the Revd John M. Mc Caldwell and Mr. Wm B Wood

Mr. Andrew H Caldwell a Licentiate under our care

was at his own request dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel

The Revd Stephen Frontis James E Alexander and John F McBride were appointed a committee on agencies, to whom a communication from the Revd Wm H Foot was referred

The Revd John M C Caldwell, and Charles W. Harris ruling Elder were appointed Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly, and the Revd Wm A Hall and George Andrews Ruling Elder their alternate

The Committee to whom was refered the report of the Treasurer of the Education Committee reported that they had examined the same and found it Correct and their report was accepted

The Revd A. G. Lockridge was appointed treasurer of the Education Committee in place of Revd Walter C Starr resigned

The Executive Committee on Missions report and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz

The Executive Committee on Domestic Missions respectfully report to Presbytery — that the received their appointment at Talbotville Oct 1839. and that in their judgment it is high time for the Presbytery to be informed what we have been doing; or rather how little we have accomplished

The Committee therefore state that the Revd James P. McPherson has been constantly in their employ as a Missionary for Lebanon Church and its vicinity upon a Salary of $75. or for the years 38 and 39 and that since the fall meeting of Presbytery he has been employed at a Salary of $100. for Avon County

It is further reported that during the winter of 38 and 39 Mr John McPherson a Licentiate under our care was engaged as an itinerant Missionary in the Counties of Montgomery & Anson at a Salary of $20 per month Mr McPherson continued in our service only about 3 months, and his report was of an exceedingly encou

kind — especially in respect to his prospects on Brown Creek. He labored also a part of his time between the Yadkin and Rocky River with encouraging prospects. Besides these we have contributed $50. towards the support of Mr Paisley a Missionary in the bounds of Macedonia Presbytery.

We regret much to have to say that we have been able to procure no other Missionaries; we applied by letter to the Seminaries at Princeton, Prince Edward and Columbia, & to Dr Wm. S. McPowel for Missionaries without success: Our Chairman in the Spring of 38 and our Secretary last Spring whilst on the way to and in Philadelphia endeavoured to secure labourers for our bounds but we could get none.

Your committee are of opinion that at least four Missionaries might be kept constantly employed to great advantage within our bounds, if the right sort of men could be obtained, and that the churches would readily sustain them.

But inasmuch as we cannot procure labourers for this region, the committee would respectfully suggest whether the Presbytery ought not to take some active measures to raise means to aid the parent Society in supporting their Missionaries

The committee respectfully recommend that inasmuch as Missionaries cannot be obtained for the destitute places in the bounds of this Presbytery each Pastor be required to spend one month in Missionary labor between this and the fall meeting of Presbytery as follows Viz Revs W.N. Pharr and Edw M. Wilson & James D. Hall in Burke and Surry Counties Dr Robinson and Eyres Johnson Buncombe.

John Williamson & John M. McC. Caldwell Rutherford Jas E Morrison and Wm A Hall Macon & Haywood Dr Fronties & A.G. Lockridge Wilkes & Surry.

Daniel A Penick & A Johnson Anson and James M.H. Adams in Buncombe with Dr Robinson In the absence of the Treasurers book, a full report from whom may be expected at our next Stated Sessions, the committee state that about $260 have been received from the Churches, and paid out as above specified — that we are free from debt, and that there is a balance of about $90. in the Treasury.

J Williamson) Com.
D A Penick)
J M M Caldwell)

The Revd John Williamson James E Morrison and Dr Robinson appointed a committee to make nomination for trustees of Davidson College in place of those whose term of service now expires and in place of Revd Walter L. Pharr resigned

The Revd Samuel Williamson Preached a doctrinal sermon on the freedom of the will, the subject previously assigned him.

The Revd Thos Pharr appeared in Presbytery and took his seat

The committee to whom was referred the Reference from the Session of Rocky River Church reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows Viz.

The committee beg leave to report that having examined the papers, the case of Mr Burns appears to have been regularly appealed by the Session to this Presbytery, and they recommend that it be taken up according to the request of the Session and of the party concerned, and be issued by Presbytery: Your committee recommend the following order in the case

1st That the charges against Mr Burns be read
2. That the testimony taken in the case be read
3 That Mr Burns be heard in his defence
4 That the members be called on to express their opinions
5 That the final vote be taken on the case

The Moderator reminded the Presbytery of their high Standing as a court of Jesus Christ and the charges were read which were as follows viz

1st With having deceived and injured his creditors by making false promises to them and by removing his property beyond their reach

2nd With having deceived also an individual, who had become his surety, by a false promise, to whom afterwards he declared that he could but would not pay the debt

3 With trafficking in ardent Spirits as an ordinary business after having once signed the temperance pledge in a manner altogether unbecoming a Christian

The proceedings of the Session were then read.

Mr Kirkpatrick who had been appointed by the Session of Rocky River Church to manage the case of Mr Burns in his absence wished to introduce additional testimony Whereupon resolved that the case of Mr Burns be continued until the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery and that the Session of Rocky River church be directed to issue citations for witnesses and take any additional testimony which either the Session or the defendant may wish and have said witnesses or their testimony recorded before this presbytery at its next regular Session.

The Revd Williamson John McDowell & Mr Le Davidson had leave of absence

Adjourned to meet here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock

Closed with prayer

13th of March 1840 9 o'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment present as yesterday Constituted with prayer and the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd Daniel A Penick was added to the committee on agencies. The Executive Committee on Missions reported an answer to a letter from Dr McDowell Sec of the P.B.D.M.

which was approved and the committee directed to forward it to Dr McDowell.

The Revd Jamd L. Watson having accepted the call from the Congregation of Bethel in Bethel Presbytery and requested a dismission to join that Presbytery. Therefore

Resolved That he be and he hereby is dismissed and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Bethel as a Member in good and regular Standing.

The Revd A.W. Lockridge was appointed Clerk pro tem

The Revd Cyrus Johnson having accepted the call from the congregations of Providence and Sharon. The Revd John Williamson and Angus Johnson were appointed a committee to install him Pastor of Providence Church and the Revd John Williamson to preach the Sermon and the Revd Angus Johnson to preside and give the charge to the Pastor and the Congregation

The Revd John M.C. Caldwell and Daniel A Penick were appointed a committee to install Mr Johnson Pastor of Sharon. Mr Caldwell to preach the Sermon and Mr Penick to preside and give the charge to the pastor and to the Congregation

Mr W.W. B. Wood had leave of absence.

The Revd James S. McPherson requested a dissolution of the Pastoral relation between himself and the Church of Solomon and the congregation having given their consent by letter Resolved that the pastoral relation between the Revd James S McPherson and the Church of Solomon be and it hereby is dissolved, and that church declared vacant.

The committee to nominate Trustees to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows viz. Revd Daniel A Penick James G Torrence R.D. Lockridge Charles L Torrence Cyrus Johnson and James W. Osborn. to serve four years — and Revd John M.C. Caldwell to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Revd W.L. Pharr.

Presbytery held a free conversation on the State of religion within our bounds, and the Revd James D Hall and John M. Mc Caldwell were appointed a committee to take note and prepare a narrative to the next Gen Assembly

The Revd John Mc Wilson and James P. Mc Pherson were appointed a committee of Supplies

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly sixty dollars each

The Revd James P. Mc Pherson had leave of absence

Resolved that the next Stated Sessions of Concord Presbytery be held at Back Creek Church on the 4th Wednesday in Sept. 1840 at 11 Oclock A.M.

One hundred and eight dollars & 50 cents was collected for the Commissioners funds

Revd A. J. Morrison D.D. had leave of absence

The committee on agencies reported and their report was accepted, and after some discussion the matter was referred to next Presbytery (making of)

The report is as follows viz

Whereas it is not expected that any agents for the Gen Assembly several Boards will visit our bounds during the present year, and it is certainly desirable that the large proportion of the money collected in our churches (necessarily due to the support of agents) be appropriated to the several specific objects intended by the donors, and that the experiment be now made which was recommended by the last Gen Assembly; to dispense with agents as far as practicable

Resolved 1st That three members of this Presbytery be elected as agents for the Assembly's Boards for the present year within our bounds (viz 1 for Foreign 1 for Dom Miss 1 for Ed.)

2 That the necessary travelling expenses of these agents be paid out of the monies by them severally collected.

3 That said agents report to Presbytery the Congregations visited, the amount collected or subscribed, and the expenses incurred

4 That when subscriptions are taken they be made payable to the agent within one month, and that all the monies thus collected be paid over to the Treasurers of the Respective Boards (viz.

5 That one half of the time spent by the agents from their respective charges be supplied to their congregations by the other members of the Presbytery

6 That it be enjoined on all the ministers of this Presbytery to read to their several congregations the resolutions of the Gen Assembly on the Reports of their Boards. viz

On Dom Miss. Page 166-7 printed minutes

on F. Miss do 168-9

on Education 175-6

The Revd John Williamson had leave of absence

The Committee of Supplies reported and their report was adopted as follows, viz Revs Daniel A Penick 1 Sab. at Back Creek

" W Adams & Lyons Johnson 1 at ~~Chapel~~ Pleasant Hill

A. L. Lockridge & Wm S Hall 1 at 4th creek John Williamson and John M. C. Caldwell 1 at Charlotte. James E Morrison D.A Penick Dr Robinson Lyons Johnson & Saml Williamson each one Sab at Sugar Creek

Adjourned to meet at Back Creek Church on the fourth Wednesday in Sept. 1840 at 11 Oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

Samuel Williamson Stated Clerk

Called meeting at Amity Church

The Presbytery of Concord, called by a circular Letter from the moderator met at Amity Church, Lincoln County on the 11th of Sep 1840 to elect a President and Professor of Language in Davidson College to fill the vacancies occasioned by the Resignation of Revd R. H. Morrison and P. S. Sparrow, and was constituted with prayer.

Present	Elders
Revs John Robinson D.D	Thos L Cowan
" John Williamson	Jacob Huey
" Walter L Sharr	John Phifer
" R. H. Morrison D.D	Cyrus Flemming
" Stephen Frontis	James Carrigan
" Henry N. Pharr	Geage Andrews
" Saml Williamson	Cyrus Morrison
" Daniel A Penick	Robt. Potts
" Wm A. Hall	Wm McRee
" Cyrus Johnson	Saml Caldwell
" A. G. Lockridge	James B. Thomas
" James M. H. Adams	Thos Allison
" James E Morrison	Abner Houpt
" John M. M. Caldwell	John Hart
" John M. Wilson	Saml Marlin
" Angus Johnson	David Harry
	Dr Jas W. Ross
	James Pillinan
	" David Ramsay

The Revd S. Frontis was appointed Clk pro tem. and Presbytery resolved to have a recess, and notify the members of the

Presbyteries of Morganton & Bethel that the Pres of Concord has constituted and is now ready to go with them into a committee of the whole to attend to the business for which the Presbyteries were called together

After Recess the Presbytery came together and Resolved that we now go into an election by ballot for a President of Davidson College and also for a Professor of Language of said College

Revd John M. M. Caldwell & John M Wilson were appointed a committee to receive & count the votes and report to Presbytery the result of the election for President and Revd A G Lockridge and Wm A Hall for Professor of Language

The Committee appointed to count the votes for President reported that the Revd Wm McPheters D.D. received 22 vote and the Revd Saml B Wilson D.D. received 12 votes

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Prof of Language reported that 32 votes were given for the Revd Alexander Wilson D.D. and no vote given for any other person

Presbytery had a recess, to go into a committee of the whole with the other Presbyteries

After the recess, Presbytery was again called to order and adjourned to meet at Back Creek Church on the 23d of Sept next at 11 oclock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

Back-Creek Church 23d Sept 1840.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Revd James M. H. Adams the Moderator from the 16th verse of the 2nd chapt of 2nd Cor. and constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Elders
Revs, John Robinson D.D.	Robt Caldwell
" John Williamson	Wm McLeary
" Walter L. Pharr	Wm McGinnis
" Stephen Frontis	Andrew Allison
" Saml Williamson	Dan Alexander
" Daniel A Penick	Robt G Neely
" Cyrus Johnson	James Watts
" A. Y Lockridge	John Phifer
" James D. Hall	Doct Jos W Rob
" James M H Adams	Saml Culbertson
" James E Morrison	Thomas L Cowan
" John M. M. Caldwell	George Andrews
" Angus Johnson	James Tillman
" John M Wilson	Rufus H. Kilpatrick
Absent	John F Phifer
Revd James McRee D.D.	John F McNeely
" R. H. Morrison D.D	Matthew McCall
" Henry N Pharr	L Gaither
" Wm A. Hall	John N. Torrance
" P. I. Sparrow	Wm Emberson
" A. I. Leavenworth	
" James E McPherson	
" Daniel Lindley	
" Thos P. Johnston	
" Alex E Wilson	

The Revd Lyons Johnson was chosen Moderator and the Revd John M M Caldwell Clerk

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions and of the Called meeting at Unity were read

A Letter was recd from the Revd H N. Pharr assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence and also through the Stated Clerk a letter from the Revd P. F. Sparrow assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence

A Reference from the Session of Mallard Creek Church was received and read and by resolution of Presbytry was taken up for trial and is as follows viz.

Sept 2. 1840

The Session of Mallard Creek Church met & constituted, to enter on the trial of Calvin S. Weir on the following Charge viz

"The Charge before this Church Session by common fame against Calvin S. Weir is that he took advantage of his Neighbor in a lot of hogs sold at Sloans sale, by taking possession before he had a right to do so and by keeping possession of said hogs when demanded of him" Witnesses to prove the Charge Abner Hunter, Daniel Galloway, Ira A. Orr Wm T. Alexander, Moses Alexander junr Benj H Garrison, John Arnhart Saml Sloan Charles B. McGinnis Narcissa Gray Davilla Gray Jesse W. Harris, Dated Aug 12. 1840.

At the time the offence was committed Calvin S. Weir was a member of the Church in Salisbury of which fact the Session were not all aware, untill another

Member of Mallard Creek Church was on trial as accessory in the matter and with whom Calvin S. Weir was included in the charge: In the progress of the trial against the offenders, Calvin S. Weir informed the Session, that they had no authority over him as he was a member of another Church, and had a certificate of such membership, to unite himself with Mallard Creek but did not give his certificate into the hands of the Session

In view of C. S. Weirs situation the Session of Mallard Creek reported him to the Salisbury Church

In this condition he stood for several months

Our Session was at length apprized that C. S. Weir had determined to give his certificate into their hands and stand his trial

The certificate accordingly was delivered and a day appointed for the trial. (2 Sept)

As there was a mutual understanding that the trial should proceed without the usual ceremony of issuing Citations, none were issued nor any person regularly cited, but all who were concerned were informed of the time, place, and object of the meeting Calvin S. Weir, when asked waived any advantage which he might have taken in the informality of not issuing regular Citations

The Charge being read, the following persons were introduced and sworn to substantiate the charge preferred against Calvin S. Weir viz (as charge)

1st Witness Abner Hunter, Deposeth that he in

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the barn yard when the hogs were. heard C. B. McGinnis say that the lot of hogs which he purchased the preceding day were not there and that his (Mr McGinnis) hogs were in his billy in Mr Weirs waggon

Quest by C Weir. Which was the most valuable lot of hogs, the one I took, or the one I left? Ans. The young lot of hogs which you took for present use; but for bacon the other which you left

Quest by C Weir. Did you understand that I loosed one of the hogs I had caught and tied to leave Mr McGinnis his number? Ans. I understood so.

Signed Abner Hunter

2nd Witness Ira A. Orr, Deposeth. The Hogs were sold by lots 1. 2. 3 &c

Quest By the Session. When Mr. Weir was catching the hogs did you tell him not to do so for Mr McGinnis would make a fuss about it when he would come? Ans I did. and Mr Weir said he would go on and catch them and Mr McGinnis should have his choice when he came

Quest Did you hear Mr McGinnis say he would have the hogs which he bought or he would have none? Ans I did

Signed Ira A Orr

3d Witness Wm T. Alexander Deposeth, that he helped Mr Weir to tie some hogs, believing at the same time there would be a disturbance about them when Mr McGinnis Came. Signed Wm T Alexander

4th Witness Moses Alexander Deposeth

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that when he was catching his hogs Mr Weir came into the yard, and that he Moses Alexander showed him the hogs which he intended to take, and that Mr Weir began to catch hogs And he Moses Alexander asked Mr Weir if he intended to take his hogs before Mr McGinnis got his? and that Mr Weir said he could not wait for Mr McGinnis all day & that he would leave him the largest hog and he could not grumble

Quest By the session. Had Mr Weir the hogs in his waggon when Mr. McGinnis came

Ans yes

Quest Did you hear Mr McGinnis say that the hogs which Mr Weir had in his waggon were his? Ans I did Signed Moses Alexander

6th Witness. Benj H Garrison Deposeth that when he went into the yard Mr Weir had hogs in his waggon, and that Mr McGinnis claimed some of them as the ones he had purchased at the sale, and that Mr Weir proposed to leave it to men whether he had left or taken the best hogs Signed Benj H. Garrison

6th Witness John Amhart Deposeth that he heard Mr McGinnis say that he would not have the hogs in the yard for Mr Weir had taken his choice.

Signed John M Earnhart

7th Witness Saml Hoon deposeth (who was Superintendant of the sale) that he told that he told Mr Weir when he was catching the hogs that he prefered his not doing so it till Mr McGinnis came, Mr Weir

replied that Mr Sloan might chuse for
Mr McGinnis, but Mr Sloan said his choice
might not please Mr McGinnis; and also that
Mr Wier said he would catch the hogs and
if Mr McGinnis pursued such as he had caught
when he came he should have them
Quest By the Session. Were the hogs given up
when Mr McGinnis came? Ans No
Quest Did C. S. Wier drive the waggon off that
had the hogs in it? Ans yes
Quest by C. S. Wier. Did you hear Mr McGinnis
demand the hogs of C. S. Wier? Ans. not of
C. S. Wier.
Quest by C. S. Wier Did I not point out to you
certain hogs to leave for Mr McGinnis?
Ans You did but I said they might
not be Mr McGinnis choice.
Quest. Did I not let one hog loose to make
up Mr McGinnis number?
Ans I did not see you do it but I
understood you did so.
Quest Did you not receive my note for
the hogs without hesitancy? Ans I did
Quest by the Session Would you have received
C. S. Wiers note had you expected the
after controversy and your loss in
the sale of the hogs? Ans No
Quest by C. S. Wier Did you expect any
difficulty before the note was given
Ans I could not tell certainly

Signed Saml Sloan

3d Witness Charles B McGinnis Deposeth
That he bought 3 lots of white sheats
that were fat; and that he wanted

them for immediate use
Quest By the Session Did you get the hogs that
you purchased and wanted? Ans No
Ques Did you find some of the hogs which you
purchased the day before; (three four or five) tied
and in C. S. Wiers Waggon? Ans I did
Did C. S. Wier refuse to give them up? Ans yes
but said I might have one of them if I would
let him have one that was loose
Ques Did C. S. Wier take them away notwithstanding
your claiming them? Ans Yes.
Quest by C. S. Wier. Did you not say that you
would have the hogs in my waggon or none?
Ans I did.
Quest Did you not offer to take three out of the
waggon and three out of the yard? Ans No.

Signed Charles B. McGinnis

Mr Calvin S Wier introduced three witnesses David
Allen Edward Wier and Matthew Wallis which
were sworn
1st David Allen deposeth that when the white
sheats were crying Henry Sloan said to C. S. Wier
they were the hogs then selling

Signed David Allen

2nd Edward Wier deposeth that C. B. McGinnis
came to his waggon when the hogs were tied
and said he would have those hogs or
none
Quest by C. S. Wier Did I not offer to change
lots with Mr McGinnis? Ans Yes
Quest Did I not offer to give Mr McGinnis one
of the Hogs in the waggon and I would go
with the four? Ans Yes

Quest Did I not loose one to make up Mr McGinnis number? Ans Yes
Quest. Did I not tell you that on the day of sale I purchased six nice white Shoats? Ans Yes
Signed Edward Weir

8 Witness Matthew Wallace deposeth I was appointed by the Session of Mallard Creek to try to reconcile the matter between Mr McGinnis and Mr Weir.
After meeting and conversing with them they appeared to be willing and so professed to be willing to be friendly. and I hoped the matter would have terminated so, so far as the parties were concerned Mr. McGinnis says he never had unfriendly feelings towards C. L. Weir
Signed Matth Wallace

Notwithstanding the parties were thus disposed to be in friendship, the Church was under the Scandal of C. L. Weirs taking the advantage of his neighbor, as Specified in the Charge and wished the reproach wiped off by a confession of wrong in Mr C. L. Weir, profession of repentance &c with an announcement to the church of the fact;
and the Session did, and do not consider C. L. Weir more guilty than the accessary in the matter, who submitted to the discipline of the Church, and was restored to the privilege thereof. It is for these reasons, the honor of religion and removal of Scandal from our Church that the Session

have prosecuted the case beyond the mere matter of reconciling the parties. With these motives the Session have examined the witnesses for and against C. L. Weir and wish to refer the case to you the Moderator & brethren of the concord Presbytery for ultimate trial and decision
This measure of refering the above case your Session has adopted for two or three reasons 1st Because C. L. Weir has repeatedly said he did not believe he could have a fair and impartial trial in the Session
2nd Because on the day of the examination of the witnesses he said we (the session) examined the witness with an intention to make this evidence as pointed and heavy against him as we could
3. Because that if our decision should be unfavorable to him his purpose was to appeal to the Presbytery, and the Session prefer the reference of the case to your body for ultimate trial and decision. By order of the Session
Walter L Sharr Mode.

The accused being present, and stating that he was ready for trial the charge was read, and at the request of the accused the Revd John Williamson was appointed to assist him in the management of his case;
The evidence as taken and recorded by the Session was then read, and the accused was heard in his own defence, after which the roll was called, and the members of Pres expressed their views of the case, after which the vote was taken and the charge against Mr C. L. Weir was not sustained; whereupon

the Revd D. A Penick & James M. H Adams ~~were~~
appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive
of the views of Presbytery in the case
The subject of agencies was made the order of the
day for tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock
Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 Oclock
Closed with prayer
Sept 24th. 1840 Presbytery met according to adjourn
ment and constituted with prayer present as
on yesterday
The reference from the session of Rocky River
Church, defered at our last Stated Session to
the present time was taken up and after
consideration was laid over on account of
the absence of the party concerned until our
next Stated Session: in compliance with the
request of Mr R. Kirkpatrick, who was appointed
by the Session to act for the accused.
The committee appointed to draft a minute
expressive of the views of Presbytery in the case
of Mr C. S. Weir reported and their report was
accepted and adopted and is as follows Viz
Presbytery after due deliberation are of opinion of
opinion that the charge prefered against C. S.
Weir, so far as it implies an intention to defraud
is not sustained by sufficient testimony; inas-
much as the terms of sale, designated no time
nor manner of delivering the property;
Mr. Weir did not take possession of the hogs
until an advanced hour of the day following;
received them from the superintendant of the
sale; with whom he settled for them; and
offered to Mr McGinnis to exchange lots
with him ——: That the whole difficulty

grew out of the unusual, and unintentional
delay of Mr McGinnis to choose his lots of hogs which
he supposed he had purchased
That Mr Weir nevertheless acted with evident ~~christian~~ im-
prudence and indiscretion, in refusing to give up
the hogs when called upon by Mr McGinnis; Mr
Weir ought to have loosed the hogs without hesitation
that Mr McGinnis might have made his choice
Mr Weir therefore deserves a solemn admonition to
be more circumspect and cautious under similar
circumstances in future. ✓
Presbytery are further of opinion that the lower
court might, and ought to, have settled the
case by way of compromise, as reported by
Esquire Wallace, who had been sent by the Session
to effect a reconciliation,
The following Committees were appointed to
examine Session Books viz Revd ~~James M. H.~~
~~Adams~~ Jas E. Glennon & D. Ross Books of Bethel
Providence, Sharon Back Creek, Third Creek
Bethany Taba & Lebanon, Revs James M. H. Adams
& Mr R. L. McNeely Books of Centre, Prospect
Mallard Creek Mocksville Unity Charlotte
Steel Creek & Pleasant Hill.
Revs D. A. Penick & Mr John F. Shiper Books
of Poplar Tent, Hopewell, Paw Creek, Sugar
Creek, Philadelphia & Union
Revd John Williamson and Mr Robt Caldwell
Books of Rocky River, Salisbury, Concord
Salem, Fourth Creek, Thyatira, Franklin
Bethpage and Concord Town.
The Revd John L. Davis presented a
regular dismission from the Presbytery
of Bethel to join this Presbytery

and after being examined was and hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery

The Order of the day (viz the subject of agencies) was taken up and the following resolution was adopted viz Resolved that ministers and Church Sessions in the respective churches in our bounds manage the concerns of the different boards of the Gen Assembly in their own way and report to Presbytery

Revd John Robinson D.D. and A.G. Lechridge were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of Revd James McRee D.D.

The Report of our commissioner to the last Gen Assembly was heard and approved

Revs John M. Mc Caldwell and James E Morrison were appointed a committee to examine the minute of the last Gen Assembly and report any items that may claim the attention of Presbytery

The members of Presbytery reported on their missionary labors during the last summer

The committee appointed to install the Revd Cyrus Johnson Pastor of Providence and Sharon reported that they had attended to that duty

A Letter was read from the Revd T. P. Johnston for Miss. and committed to Revd S. Francis and Dr Robinson to prepare an answer

The committee on the session Books of Centre Prospect &c. reported that the Books of Centre and Mocksville have not been put into their hands; that the Books of Mallard Creek and Ramah be approved with this exception that the items of record are not thrown together and that the others be approved) —— which report was adopted

Revd James M H Adams and John McM. Caldwell were appointed a committee to meet at Centre Church and install Revd John L Davies Pastor of Centre congregation Revd Jas M H Adams to preach the sermon and Revd John M Caldwell to deliver the Charges; to meet on the 26th Inst.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 oclock Concluded with prayer

Sept 24. Presbytery met according to adjournment and constituted with prayer Messrs McNeely and McLeary had leave of absence

Mr Robt N Davies a graduate of Davidson College was introduced as desiring to put himself under the care of Pres as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry and was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry which examination being satisfactory he was received as a candidate under our care; and recommended to repair to Union Seminary Va to prosecute

his Theological Studies thro

The Committee on the Session Books of Rocky River Salisbury &c reported that they be approved, which was adopted

The Committee on the Session Books of Hopewell College Church &c Reported and their report was adopted as follows Viz They have examined the record of Hopewell Church which consist of one minute together with one or two indefinite Items of historical record. The committee recommend that the Book be approved to page 3. with these exceptions Viz 1st the book does not appear to be a second Volume nor does there appear to be any Session record anterior to July 11th 1838.

2nd The Session seems to have done no business whatever since that time

3 The Book contains no registre

Of College Church the committee recommend that the Book be approved also of Union Church. ✓

Of Philadelphia Church the Com recommend that the Book be approved from Page 33 to Page 36 with the following exceptions Viz

1st That W A Hall seems to have been ~~suspended from~~ the privileges of the Church ~~without~~ without the constitutional formality of a trial

2 That in 1840. ~~266~~ members are reported as having been received ~~on examination~~. It

is not believed that that number of Members was received in that year

3 That on one occasion Members were received when it does not appear that the Session was duly organized for business

Of Poplar Tent they recommend that the Book be approved

The Committee on the Books of Bethel Providence &c. reported that they be approved

The Committee to answer the Letter of Revd Thos P Johnston. reported an answer which was approved.

Revds R H Morrison D.D. A. J. Lockridge and Dr Ross having been appointed a Committee on the subject of Domestic Missions reported and their report was adopted and is as follows. Viz

Believing that much of the Strength and glory of the Presbyterian Church depends under the blessing of God upon judicious and prayerful exertions to diffuse among the destitute at home the blessings of the Gospel; and that the Churches which are supplied with the means of Grace are bound by the most solemn obligations to labor and pray for the thousands who are perishing around them for lack of Knowledge, the Pby would adopt the following resolutions

1st Resolved that the Com. on Missions under the care of the Pby be requested to make all suitable efforts to procure as soon as possible Missionaries to labor in our destitute territory

and that they be authorized to give assurance of adequate support to all who can be obtained.

2nd Resolved that the members of this Presbytery will spend at least one month during the year on missionary ground.

3 Resolved that the Spring, Summer and autumn months be designated as the most appropriate time, and that as far as practicable two ministers shall labor during each of those months in succession and operate together

4 Resolved that the committee of mission shall select the most promising fields of labor, designate the ministers to occupy them, and as far as possible arrange the time of such missionary labors to suit the convenience of those who perform them.

5 Resolved that on the day appointed by the Gen Assembly for prayer for the conversion of the world, this subject be laid before our churches, and their prayers and cooperation solicited in the great and good work.

The executive committee of the Board of Missions, after the resignation of the Revd D A Penick John M.M. Caldwell John F. McNeily and Doct Ross had been accepted, was reorganized by the appointment of Revs James M. McAdams John M. Wilson Mr R. Kilpatrick and Thomas Allison.

The case of the Revd A. J. Cavenaugh was taken up and laid over to the.....

The committee on the minutes of the last Gen Assembly reported and their report was adopted as follows viz

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly and report such items as claim the attention of Presbytery in discharging their duty recommend the adoption of the following resolutions

1st Resolved That the election of Deacons apart from ruling Elders be enjoined upon all the Churches under our care when it is not impracticable from the paucity of male members.

2nd Resolved that this Presbytery recommend all the Churches under their care to observe the first Sabbath in June with special reference to the conversion of the world

3 That the Presbytery at its next Stated Sessions have a free conversation on the subject of ministerial inefficiency.

The Revd Daniel A Penick and A. Y. Lockridge were appointed a committee to install the Revd John L. Davis Pastor of the Congregation of Prospect on the Friday before the 3rd Sab in Oct. Mr Penick to preach the Sermon and Mr Lockridge to give the charges

The Treasurer appointed to receive the semicentenary collections reported that he sent on $640.85 by the Com. to the last Gen Assembly. and that $100. worth of Books have been received and are now in the hand of the Librarian Mr Thos W Spears at Davidson College

The Revd A. G. Lockridge & John L Davis were appointed a committee to fix the price at which the Books shall be sold and to have convenient Shelves Made for the depositing if necessary; to be paid for by the Treasurer

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the feelings of Pres on the Death of Dr. M'Ree, reported and their report was adopted and is as follows, viz

As it has pleased an infinitely wise and righteous Providence to remove from our number the Revd James M'Ree D.D. at the advanced age of 87; after having labored in the gospel ministry for upwards of threscore ajars; This Presbytery would solemnly and affectionately leave upon their minutes this imperfect memorial of our departed Father.

Dr M'Rees qualifications for the sacred office were of a high order, he was an accurate scholar a close student and his labors in the Pulpit were distinguished by taste, precision and clearness. He was most firmly attached to the doctrines of Grace, and to the order of the Presbyterian Church, as maintained by his venerable, and celebrated Preceptor the Revd John Witherspoon D.D. and to the last period of his life he manifested a lively interest in the struggle, through which our Church was called to pass in defence of the truth.

After a long and wearisome pilgrimage it pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove him from his labors on the 21 day of 1840 to join as we humbly hope to unite in the songs of the redeemed in heaven. His memory is embalmed in the hearts of his people.

Mr Robt N. Davis a candidate under our care was examined on the Languages and Science and his examination sustained and he had assigned him as parts of trial previous to licensure, to prepare a popular Sermon, on John 3. 16th a Lection on the 15th Psalm, a critical exercise on Rom 8. 18th—24. and a Latin Exegesis on the theme, "An anima humana generatione naturali, propagandi sit,"

Resolved that Presbytery hold its next Stated Sessions at the town of Concord on the 2nd Wednesday of March next. to meet at 11 Oclock A. M.

Adjourned to meet at Danville ~~during above stated~~ the Session of Synod. Closed with prayer.

J. Williamson Sd Clk

Danville Va 24 Oct. 1840

The Synod of N.C. in session dissolved the Presbytery of Morganton, and reunited the members thereof with the Presbytery of Concord and directed the Presbytery of Concord to meet for the transaction of such business as this new arrangement may render necessary; Whereupon Presbytery met and Constituted with prayer. Present Ministers Revd John Robinson D.D. Daniel A Penick A.Y. Lockridge Jas D Hall Jas M H Adams John M M Caldwell John M Wilson with Elders John Black Mr Howie and John Young

The Revd James M.H. Adams was chosen Moderator and Revd John M M Caldwell Clerk

The Revd John L. McCutchan A. L. Watts and F. A. Nash members of the former Presbytery of Morganton being Present were invited to take their seat as members of this Pres.

The Revd A.Y. Lockridge and John M McCaldwell were appointed a Committee to instal the Revd John L. McCutchan Pastor of the Congregation of Goshen on the Sat before the 2d Sab. in Nov. Revd A.Y. Lockridge to preach the Sermon and John M. M. Caldwell to give the charges

The Revd F A Nash A.L. Watts and John M Wilson were appointed a Committee to organize a Church in Burnsville if Circumstances will justify it.

Resolved that the Executive Committee of Missions of this Pres. be and it hereby is directed to take into charge the funds & missionaries of the former Pres. of Morganton and carry into effect any engagements that

that may have been made with said Missionaries

Revd James D Hall and A L Watts were appointed to administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Rutherfordton on the 4th Sab of Nov.

The Revd T A Nash and A L Watts were added to the Executive Com. of Missions

The Revd John L McCulchan and Robt Burton Esqr were added to the Executive Committee of Education

The Pastoral relation between the Revd A L Watts and the Congregation of Lincolnton was dissolved and that Church declared vacant

Adjourned to meet at Concord on the 2d Wednesday in March 1841

Concluded with prayer

John M M Caldwell Clk

Called Meeting at Charlotte

Charlotte Janry 20th 1841

The Presbytery of Concord having been constitutionally called to elect a President and Professor or either of these offices, to fill the vacancies in the Faculty of Davidson College met and was constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers.	Elders
Revd John Williamson	David Parks
" Samuel Williamson	Charles J Alexander
" Dent A Penick	John M C Dowell
" Lyons Johnson	R. Mc. Alexander
" A. L. Watts	Doct D. F. Caldwell
" John L. McCulchan	Abel Graham
" John M M Caldwell	
" James M. H. Adams	

The Revd John M M. Caldwell was appointed Clerk

The Revd D. Lo. Watson and Andrew H Caldwell of Bethel Presbytery being present were invited to sit as corresponding members

Presbytery had a recess to meet at the house of David Parks Esqr at candlelighting this evening

At M Parks Presbytery met and Charles W. Harris and David A Caldwell Ruling Elders appeared and took their seats

A request was presented from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College desiring the Presbytery as many of the members were absent, not to proceed at present to the election of Officers for the College; but to adjourn to meet at Davidson College on the 27th of this month, to elect a

President and professor of Languages or either of them, for Davidson College, and to attend to any business connected with the college that may come regularly before the Presbytery

Adjourned to meet at Davidson College on the 27th Inst.

Concluded with Prayer

Davidson College Jany 27 1841

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and the Moderator being absent the Revd Angus Johnston was chosen Moderator. and Presbytery was constituted with prayer

Present.

Ministers	Elders
Revd John Williamson	Dr. Jos W. Ross
" Walter L. Pharr	Dan Alexander
" D. A Penick	Jonathan Reid
" Jams E Morrison	David A Caldwell
" John Robinson D. D.	D. L. Torrence
" A L Wallis	C W. Harris
" I. L. McCutchan	John Shive
" A. G. Lockridge	Franklin Pharr
" Wm A Hall	Michael Baown
" Angus Johnson	Dr. Thos Caldwell
" Jas M. Mc. Adams	Abel Graham
" John L Davies	Caleb Erwin
" John M M Caldwell	W. B. White
" Stephen Frontis	

Presbytery has a recess till 2 oclock

2 Oclock Presbytery met and proceeded to business; and on Resolutions, nomination

were made with a view of going into an election for a President of Davidson College and the Revd Saml B Wilson D.D. and Revd Saml Williamson having been nominated, the Roll was called, that each member might have an opportunity of making remarks on the nomination.

Resolved that the trustees of Davidson College be recommended to appoint an agent to ~~secure~~ secure the endowment of a Professorship in said College

Presbytery proceeded by ballot to elect a President for Davidson College. The Revd Samuel B Wilson D.D received twenty votes. Revd Samuel Williamson five

Revd John Robinson D.D. tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College which was accepted

Resolved that the Moderator of this Presbytery address a letter to the Presbytery of Bethel informing them of our action, in refrence to the filling of the vacancies in the Faculty of Davidson College

Resolved that it is inexpedient to elect a Professor in Davidson College at present owing to our pecuniary embarrasments

Resolved that Mr M. D. Johnstons Salary as Tutor in Davidson College be raised to sixhundred dollars

Adjourned to meet at Concord on the 2nd Wednesday in March

Concluded with prayer

J Williamson Sta. Clk.

Concord Town March 10th 1841

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment the weather being inclement and the congregation very small, the preaching of the opening sermon by the Moderator was dispensed with; and the Presbytery was constituted with prayer

Members present

Ministers	Elders
Revd Stephen Frontis	John Phifer
" Daniel A Penick	Charles J. Alexander
" Cyrus Johnson	J. Stiles
" Wm A Hall	Robt Knox
" James D. Hall	Thos H Pingle
" James E Morrison	Ibzen Cannon
" A. L. Wallis	
" John L. McCulloch	
" James M. H. Adams	
" John M. M. Caldwell	
" Angus Johnson	

Absent

Revd John Robinson D.D.
" John Williamson
" Walter L. Pharr
" R. H. Morrison D.D.
" Samb Williamson
" Henry N. Pharr
" A. Y. Lockridge
" P. J. Sparrow
" A. J. Leavenworth
" John L. Davis
" John M. Wilson
" James E McPherson
" F. K. Nash
" Wm K. Morrison
" Thos P. Johnston
" Alex C Wilson
" Daniel Lindley

The Revd A. L. Watts was chosen moderator, and the Revd Angus Johnson Clerk

Presbytery had a recess until 2 oclock.

At 2 oclock Presbytery was called to order

The minutes of the last sessions not being present all papers & Letters addressed to the Presbytery were called for: and a letter was received from the Revd Thos P. Johnston our Missionary at Tallizon and also a letter from Revd Daniel Lindley Missionary in Africa. The Revd A. G. Lockridge and James D. Hall were appointed a committee to answer the letter of Mr Johnston. and Revd D. A. Penick & S. L. McCutchan to answer Mr Lindleys letter

Ordered that Mr Lindley request for a certificat of his being an ordained Minister belonging to the Presbytery of Concord be granted

The Revd John M. M. Caldwell Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Missions. reported and the Revd Cyrus Johnson and Mr Robt Knox were appointed to audit his report

The Revd Wm N. Morrison appeared and took his seat

The Records of Morganton Presbytery were handed over to this Presbytery according to order of Synod and put into the hands of the Stated Clerk to be preserved with the records of the Pres of Concord.

The report of the treasurer of Morganton Pres was heard and the treasurer was ordered to pay over the monies in his hand to the respective treasurers of the Committees of this Presbytery

The Committee appointed to audit the report of the Revd. John M. M. Caldwell treasurer of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions reported that his accounts were correct. which was accepted. and the Treasurer was directed to

pay over all the money in his hand to the Revd S. M. H. Adams a member of the Board of Domestic Missions

The Revd Wm N. Morrison S. L. McCutchan and T. H. Pringle were appointed a committee on Supplies

The Revd James M. H. Adams John L. McCutchan and Charles J Alexander were appointed a committee to apiss on the Churches the amount necessary for the Commissioners fund

The Committe appointed to organise a Church at Burnsville reported that a Church had not been organized thro for sufficient reasons and the Committee was discharged

Resolved that a conference on Ministerial inefficiency be held on tomorrow at 2 oclock and that 9 oclock tomorrow morning be the hour for a free conversation on the State of religion with in our bounds and that Revds Stephen Frontis and Wm A Hall be a committee to take notes and prepare a narrative for the Gen Assembly

The case of Mr Leavenworth was taken up and the following resolution. with the preamble was adopted viz.

Whereas the Revd A. J. Leavenworth has applied heretofore, to this Presbytery for a dismission to connect himself with a body not known to the Gen Assembly of our Church

And whereas also this Presbytery has satisfactory evidence that Mr Leavenworth has connected himself with an Ecclesiastical body with which we have no connection — therefore

Resolved that the name of A. J. Leavenworth be stricken from the Roll of this Presbytery.

Resolved that the next Stated Session of this Presbytery be held in Morganton, to meet on the Thursday before the 2nd Sab. in Sept. next at the hour of 11 Oclock A.M.

The Revd A M Lockridge appeared in presbytery and took his seat, having rendered satisfactory reason for delay Presbytery had an intelocutory meeting after which Adjourned to meet at this place tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock Closed with prayer

March 11th 1841 Presbytery met according to adjournment and Constituted with prayer; present as on yesterday and the minutes of yesterday were read

The Revd John M Wilson appeared and rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat

The Revd Samuel Murray a Member of Tombigby Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a Corresponding Member.

A Letter was received from Mr R Kirkpatrick the Consideration of which was defered until tomorrow Morning 9 oclock.

The Revd H. A. Pharr appeared and rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took his seat

The order of the day was taken up by a free conversation on the State of religion

The Revd S. Williamson appeared in Presbytery and gave reason for tardiness, and took his seat

Whereas it appears from the free conversation on the State of religion within the bounds of this presbytery that the State of Vital piety is discouragingly, if not alarmingly low: therefore Resolved

That it be earnestly recommended to the Pastors and Churches, that the Saturday before the first Sabbath in April next be Strictly observed as a day of Special fasting, humiliation and prayer

That the Pastors be enjoined to preach, each a Sermon inquiring into the cause and remedies of this State of things, and that the Sessions of the Churches be affectionately urged to cooperate diligently with the Pastors in Special efforts to improve the State of religion, within their respective bounds.

The Revd John L Davis appeared in Presbytery rendered Satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took his seat

The minutes of the last Stated Sessions of Presbytery and of the meeting at Danville, of the called meeting at Charlotte and of the meeting at Davidson College were read

The Committee appointed to install Revd John L Davis as Pastor of Center and Prospect reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them

The Committee appointed to install Revd John L McCulloch reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them

The Committee appointed to assess the Commissioners fund on the Churches reported and their report was accepted and adopted and is as follows

× Providence $8. × Sharon 6 × Charlotte 8 × Pleasant Hill 5 × Steel Creek 10 × Philadelphia 8 × Union 3 × Sugar Creek 12 × Paw Creek 4 × Hopewell 10. × Bethel 5. × College Church. 5 × Ramah 5 × Mallard Creek 6. × Rocky River 15 × Poplar Tent 10 × Concord Town 5. × Bethpage 5 × Lebanon 2 × Centre 8 × Prospect 6 × Fourth Creek 8 × Bethany 8 Concord 7 × Tabor 4 × Salem 3 × Third Creek 12 × Back Creek 10 × Thyatira 6 × Franklin 6 × Unity Rowan 4 × Salisbury 12 × Joppa 5 × Morganton 8 × Little Britain 5 × Rutherfordton 4 × Duncans Creek 2 × Drusilla 2 Silsam 2 Lincolnton 8 × Unity (Lincoln) 10 × Goshen 6 New Hope 3 × Olney 2 Long Creek 3 Swannanoa 2 × Reems Creek 2

The Revd John Robinson D.D. appeared in Presbytry and took his seat. Dr Robinson requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation between him and the congregation of Poplar Tent. and the Church by their representatives having given their consent thereto Resolved that the pastoral relation between the Revd John Robinson D.D. and the congregation of Poplar Tent be and it hereby is dissolved and that Church declared vacant ✓

The Revd John M Wilson and Mr John F Phifer ruling Elder of Concord Town were appointed Commissioners on behalf of this Presbytry to the next General Assembly and Revd I. D. Hall and Mr George Andrews their alternates

Recess till 2 Oclock P.M.

2 Oclock Presbytry was called to order

Revd Henry N. Shaw was appointed a member of the Comm of Domestick Missions

Mr Calvin S. Weir a member of Mallard Creek Church presented the following complaint. Viz

Having made application to the Session of Mallard Creek Church ~~Lower~~ for a certificate of dismission, according to the directions of your last Stated Sessions, and having been denied the same I do hereby complain to this body, at the same time requesting a certificate at your hands

Signed

Respectfully

C. S. Weir

Whereupon Resolved that with a view to adjust the difficulty arising from the complaint of Mr. C. S. Weir against the Session of Mallard Creek Church The Revd D. A. Penick, Cyrus Johnson and Mr John Phifer Sen be a committee to met and confer with the parties and if possible adjust the existing difficulties, and report to

the next Stated Sessions of Presbytry

The order of the day for 2 Oclock Viz a conference on Ministerial inefficiency was taken up and the Roll was called that the members might express their views.

An overture was received from Prospect Church which was committed to Revd D. A. Penick J. A. McCulloch and Mr Bell to report thereon tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

Resolved that at each Stated Session of this Presbytry there be one hour devoted to devotional exercises, and that the time for holding such exercises be immediately after the Presbytry is constituted.

A letter was received from the Revd James McPherson assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence

The Committee appointed to price the Books of the Board of publication reported that we could afford to sell, at the Philadelphia prices, the report was accepted and the committee discharged

Revd Cyrus Johnson D. A. Penick and J. Williamson and Charles W. Harris Esqr were appointed a committee to review the Constitution of Davidson College and report any amendments or alterations that may be necessary in said Constitution

Revd John L. McCulloch was appointed Treas pro. tem to receive ~~to receive~~ and pay over the Commissioners fund.

Presbytry had a recess until candle lighting this evening

After recess Presbytry was called to order

The Revd Samuel B Wilson D.D. of Winchester Presbytry being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member

Presbytry took up the business of Davidson College whereupon Resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytry it is expedient, that vigorous and efficient efforts be made to complete the endowment of a Professorship

in Davidson College within the bound of this Presbytry
Resolved that the members of Presbytry now present
proceed to subscribe each for himself towards said
endowment. and upwards of $3.000 was subscribed on
the Spot

The Revd D. A. Penick was appointed an agent to
visit the Churches in Mecklenburg & Cabarrus Counties
and the Revd John L Davis an agent to visit the
Churches in Rowan and Iredel Counties. to take
Subscriptions to complete the endowment of a
Professorship in the College

The committee to prepare a narrative on the State
of religion within our bounds reported and
their report was accepted and adopted and is
as follows viz.

"The Presbytry of Concord in presenting to the Gen Assembly
this annual report on the state of religion within their bounds;
with self abasement must say, that no special season of
refreshing, from the presence of the Lord, has been experienced
by our Churches.

The additions during the past year have not been large
and though the state of piety is generally languid, yet the
attendance on the public means of grace continues to be
good; and in some congregations is evidently on the
increase. The claims of our several Boards are
regularly presented to our churches; a growing interest is
felt and expressed in their prosperity; and our
confidence in the usefulness and necessity of these
Ecclesiastical organizations remains unabated.

The monthly concert for prayer is attended to in
most of our churches on the first Sab. in the month

Our Sabbath Schools are generally prospering and
attention is given by our Pastors to catechetical
instruction of the young, and to Bible Classes.

The cause of temperance continues to receive some attention, though
its progress is not uniform throughout our bounds

Our Colored populations continue to receive a share of the
labors of our Pastors. Besides the usual provision made for
their being comfortably seated in our churches, many of our
ministers preach exclusively to them either Statedly or
occasionally

The Presbytery has appropriated
The Presbytery, $150. 00 to establish, within our bounds, a
depository of the books issued by our Board of Publication,
and these excellent works begin to be circulated among
us our people. During the past winter the attempt
has been made, to take up in our churches the usual
Collections, for the use of our different Boards, without
the aid of agents; the Pastors and ruling Elders
attending to this important duty; and so far the
effort has succeeded equally as well as when
agents performed the labor."

Inquiry was made of the members of Presbytry to ascertain
what had been done since the last meeting of by the respective
congregations for the Benevolent Boards of the
Church; and appeared that one or more of the
benevolent claims of the Church had been presented
to each congregation, and that the efforts of
the pastors had succeeded well, without any
agents.

Ordered that the doctrinal sermon be delivered
tomorrow at 11 Oclock.

Adjourned till 9 o clock tomorrow morning

Closed with prayer

March 12 1841 Presbytry met according to adjournment
and constituted with prayer; present as on yesterday

The committee appointed on the overture from Prospect
Church (viz Have parents who have been Baptized in infancy
both a right to appear before the church, present their children

and take upon them the usual obligations, when only one of the parties has made a profession of faith in Christ, and is in communion in the Church?

Overtured to the Presbytery of Concord by order of the Session of Prospect

(Signed S. L. Davis Mod.)

Reported, and their report was accepted, and further action on the Overture recommended was postponed until the Spring Sessions of Presbytery, 1842. ... (See Report No. 4)

Resolved that the order of the day, for hearing the Doctrinal Sermon be postponed until tomorrow at 11 o'clock

The Revd Dr. Wilson was respectfully requested to state before Presbytery, his views, as to his acceptance of the Presidency of Davidson College; with which request Dr. Wilson complied

The committee on supplies reported and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz

That the Revd H. N. Pharr preach 1 Sab at Tabor, Revd S. L. Davis Adams 1 Sab at Tabor, Revd A. Y. Lockridge 1 Sab at Bethany Revd S. Fronties 1 Sab at Bethany: Revd John L. Davis administer the Lords Supper at 4th Creek: Revd A. Y. Lockridge and Wm A. Hall at Little Britain, Revd A. L. Watts and I. M. Mc. Caldwell at Lebanon. Revd C. Johnson & I. Williamson at Charlotte, Revd I. Williamson & W. L. Pharr at Bethel

Mr. E. F. Rockwell a licentiate of Fayetteville Pres had permission to preach to the congregation of Fourth Creek for the present year.

and Mr C. R. Smith had permission to preach to the Congregation of Rutherfordton

The Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College. Reported and their Report was adopted as follows viz.

Trustees to serve for 4 years. Wm B. Wood, John Alexander Wm Barr. Revd I. M. Wilson. Revd H. N. Pharr Revd I. L. Davis. James Anderson, Robt Williamson, Robt M. Alexander and Thomas H. Robinson to fill the place of Revd John Robinson D.D. Resigned.

The Committee of assignment of missionary labors to the Pastors of congregation Reported and their report was adopted as follows viz Mr Watts and Mr A Johnson to labor in Anson & Montgomery Counties: I Williamson and C Johnson in Burk & Caldwell. D. A. Penick & I. M. M. Caldwell Rutherford. W. L. Pharr & I. L. Davis Buncomb. I. C. Morrison & Wm A Hall Haywood I. M. H. Adams & I. D. Hall. Macon. I. McCulloch and Wm N. Morrison Henderson & Cherokee S. Fronties & A. Y. Lockridge Wilks and Ash. H. N. Pharr & I. M Wilson Yancy.

Resolved that the congregations which have not yet appointed Deacons be directed to do so, where practicable and report to the next Stated Session of Presbytery

Recess till 2 o'clock

2 o'clock Presbytery was called to order and proceeded to Business

The Committee appointed to review the Constitution of Davidson College and report any alterations or amendments that might be thought necessary reported, and their report was accepted and ordered to be recorded for definite action at the next Stated Session of Presbytery

Ordered that the Stated Clerk transmit a copy of this report to the Presbytery of Bethel

The Report is as follows viz

"The committee appointed to review the constitution of Davidson College report, That the 1st Section of the 1st Art be so altered that the Pres. of Concord

may appoint 36 members of the Board of Trustees & the Pres of Bethel 12

2nd That the 1st Section of Art 2nd be amended by the addition of Metaphysics, Political Economy, Mineralogy and Geology to the President department; and that Astronomy be added to the department of the Prof of Mathematicks

That Section 2 be so altered as to permit each presbytery to meet in its own bounds for the transaction of business connected with Davidson College

That Sec 7th be amended by requiring the Faculty to keep a written record of their proceedings and make an annual report to the Board

3. That each section of the 4th Article be expunged and that the following be adopted Viz

Sec 1st That one half acre of land be allotted to each Student, which he is expected to cultivate during leisure hours at his discretion under the supervision of the President and Steward. — the Student sustaining the expense and reaping the profit, — Students who prefer laboring at any Mechanical art may be permitted to do so at their discretion

4 That the 4th Section of the 6th Art be expunged

The reference from the Session of Rocky River Church was taken and the moderator appointed the Revd Byron Johnson to manage the case of Mr Burns, the accused in his absence 1st The charge was read. 2nd The testimony was read, 3 The Revd Byron Johnson was heard in behalf of Mr S. H. Burns the accused 4 The Roll was called that the members might express their opinions 5 The final vote was taken sustain or not sustain, and the charge was sustained

The following members were excused from voting Viz Revd D. A. Penick H. N. Pharr Wm N. Morrison John Phifer and James Phares

The Revd J Frontis and James M. H. Adams were appointed a committee to prepare a minute expression of the judgment of Presbytery in the case

The Treasurer of the Executive Com of ~~Domestic Missions~~ Education reported and his report was committed to Revd James D Hall and David Parks Esqr for examination

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expression of the judgment of Presbytery in in the case of reference from the Session of Rocky River Church. Reported the following which was adopted Viz

Resolved 1st that in full view of the testimony before Presbytery, and after a deliberate discussion on the same Presbytery judge that the charges tabled against Mr. James H Burns by the Session of Rocky River are sustained

Resolved 2nd that the Session of Rocky River Church be and they hereby are directed to suspend Mr S. H. Burns from the communion and privileges of the Church until he give to them satisfactory evidence of Repentance

Ordered that a copy of the above minute be transmitted to the Session of Rocky River Church

The Treasurer presented that he had received for the Commissioners fund $70. which he was directed to pay over to our Commissioners to the next Gen Assembly

The Committee on the report of the treasurer of the Executive Com on Education reported that his accounts are accurately kept, that he has received $372.40 Cts and has paid out $230.38 Cts, leaving a balance of $142.02 Cts in the treasury hand.

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Exec Com of Education be directed to pay Mr Robt N. Davis, a candidate for the ministry under our care at Union Seminary Sixty dollars per session

Resolved that the Treasurer of the Education Com be directed to pay the debt for Board and tuition ~~of Mr~~ at Davidson College of Mr Neely a Beneficiary of the Presbytery

Recess till candidating

At candidating Presbytery was called to order Mr O. D. McNeely a graduate of Davidson College was introduced to presbytery as desirous to put himself under our care as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry

Presbytery having received satisfactory testimonials of Mr McNelys good moral Character, of his being a member of the Presbyterian Church in full communion and of his having gone through a regular course of literature; proceeded to examine him on his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry; which examination was sustained whereupon

Resolved that Mr O. D. McNeely be and he hereby is received under our care as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry

At his own request the examination of Mr McNeely on literature was deferred for the present

Resolved that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Concord and its vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members during the sessions of Presbytery, and that the Rev Jas C Morrison communicate this resolution.

The following assignments as parts of trials previous to licensure were made to Mr O. D. McNeely viz For a popular lecture the 1st Psalm, for a popular Sermon the 1st verse of the 3d Chapt of I Epistle of John, for an Exegesis An sanctificatio sit ita perfecta

in hac vita, ut Fidelis legam absolute implere possint? and for a critical exercise I Cor. 15 Chapt. 32d verse

Adjourned to meet at Morganton on the 9th day of Sept next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Concluded with prayer

J. Williamson Sta Clk

Circular of the Moderator (to be mended here)

Centre church July 1st 1841

The Presbytery of Concord having been called by the Moderator to elect an officer or officers for Davidson College: Met and constituted with prayer

Ministers Present	Elders
Revd. John Robinson D.D	Ishon Cannon
" John Williamson	R. D. Alexander
" Walter L. Pharr	C. Erwin
" Saml Williamson	Dan Alexander
" Daniel A Penick	W. G. Pharr
" Henry N. Pharr	Thomas Stephenson
" Wm A Hall	Robt Burbaines
" A. G. Lockridge	Wm Ring
" James D Hall	Wm Gibson
" James C Morrison	Thos Allison
" A L. Watts	
~~" John J Hillsborough~~	
" John L. Davis	Smith Byers
" James M H Adams	Robt Johnston
" John M Wilson	Robt Potts
" Cyrus Johnson	Dr Jos W. Ross
" John M M Caldwell	Dr Thos Caldwell
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Absent: Revd R. W. Morrison D.D
" C. Fiontis
" P. S. Pharr
" A. Johnson
" Wm N Morrison
" F. R. North

The Revd John M M Caldwell was appointed Clerk and the following preamble and resolution were adopted Viz

Notwithstanding there has been some informality as to the letter of the Constitution in the call of this meeting; yet in view of the necessities of Davidson College and the respectable attendance at this meeting, and believing that we are complying with the Spirit of the Constitution

Resolved that Presbytery proceed to the transaction of the business for which it was called.

A letter was received from the Revd P. Fiontis assigning satisfactory reason for his absence

A Letter was received from the Revd John B. Davis Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Bethel informing us that that Pres. having been constitutionally called, met at Yorkville S.C. on the 24 June 1841 to elect a President & Professor of Languages for Davidson College; and that the vote of said Presbytery was for the Revd Samuel Williamson for President 17 votes, for the Revd Samuel B.C. Wilson for Profess of Languages 17 Votes. there being no opposition in either case

The Presbytery of Concord proceeded to vote by ballot for a President and Professor of Languages and the vote was for the Revd Samuel Williamson 15. for the Revd Francis McFarland D.D. 14. for the Presidency. and for the Professorship of languages the vote was for Mr Mortimore D Johnston 21. for the Revd Samuel B.C. Wilson. 10.

Presbytery then adjourned

Closed with prayer

S Williamson Stated Clk

Davidson College 28th July 1841

The Presbytery of Concord having been called by the Moderator met and was constituted with prayer.

Present

Ministers	Elders.
Revd John Robinson D D	Charles W. Harris
" John Williamson	John E Sloan
" W. L. Pharr	John Phifer
" Samuel Williamson	Wm Rose
" Daniel A Penick	John F Phifer
" Cyrus Johnson	George Andrews
" K. N. Pharr	John Hart
" John L. Davis	Wm B Wood
" A. J. Lockridge	Jame A Hill
" A. L. Watts	Dr. D. F. Caldwell
" John S. McCutchan	John McCulloch
" James M. H. Adams	Thos A Allison
" James D. Hall	J Marlan
" John M Wilson	A Jetton
" John M M Caldwell	D Ramsay

Absent

Revd R. H. Morrison D D
" S. Frontis
" Wm A Hall
" P. J Sparrow
" James E Morrison
" Angus Johnson
" Jamis P McPherson
" Wm N. Morrison
" J K Nash

Presbytery proceeded to the business for which it was called viz to elect a Professor of Mathematicks and Natural Philosophy for Davidson College, and the vote

was taken by ballot. Mr Mortimer D. Johnston A M.
received 24 vote. Presbytry being unanimous in the
election

The Revd D. A. Penick made a report of his agency for
the endowment of a Professorship in Davidson
College, which was accepted and Presbytry passed a
vote of thanks to Mr Penick for his Service
Adjourned

concluded with prayer

J Williamson Sta Clk

Morganton Sept 9th. 1841

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd. A. L. Wallis the moderator from I Tim 4th. 16th. and constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers

Revd W. L. Shaw
" R. H. Morrison D.D
" Cyrus Johnson
" D. A. Penick
" Wm A. Hall
" A. L. Wallis
" J. L. McCutchan
" J. H. Morrison
" John M M Caldwell
" W. K. Nash

Absent

Revd John Robinson D.D.
" John Williamson
" Samuel Williamson
" Stephen Francis
" H. N. Shaw
" John L. Davis
" P. I. Sparrow
" A. G. Lackridge
" J. D. Hall
" Jas M H Adams
" Angus Johnson
" J M Wilson
" Wm N. Morrison
" James P McPherson

Elders

Mr Abner Alexander
" Wm Ray
" G. Culbertson
" Cyrus L. Hunter
" J. L. McRee
" Thos A Bell
" Calvin G Alexander
" G. Milligan
" John Murdock
" Adolphus Irwin
" Francis Morrison
" Wylie Gaither
" George C Alexander

The Revd John L. McCutchan was chosen Moderator & the Revd John M M Caldwell Clerk

Recess until 2½ oclock

After Recess Revds H. N. Shaw. J. D. Hall. J. M. H. Adams & Wm N. Morrison appeard gave reasons for tardiness & took their seats

The minutes of the last Stated sessions. and of the called meetings at Centre, & Davidson College were read

A letter was received from the Revd P. I. Sparrow requesting a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of West Hanover Va (Whereupon

Resolved the request be granted, and that the Revd P. I. Sparrow be and he hereby is dismissed and affectionately recommended as a member in good and regular Standing to the Pres of West Hanover

A call from the congregation of Fourth Creek was presented for the ministerial labors of the Revd E. F. Rockwell with a request for leave to prosecute the same before the Presbytery of Fayetteville. which was granted

The Revd. L Murray presented a dismission from the pres. of Tombigby —— and the Revd James Kerr presented a dismission from the pres. of Lexington to join this presbytery: (Whereupon they were examined and received and took their seats as members

Resolved that the rule adopted at our last Stated sessions on the subject of devotional exercises be altered as follows Viz Resolved that immediately after the Presbytery is constituted, an hour shall be appointed for devotional exercises

Resolved that 3 oclock tomorrow afternoon be the hour for Devotional exercises, and that the Revd R. H. Morrison D.D. Cyrus Johnson and Mr Adolphus Irwin be a committee to make arrangements for the devotional exercises

Journal Sept 2nd

The committe appointed to meet at Mellars Creek Church and confer with Mr Calvin L. Weir and the Session of that Church reported that they had discharged their duty; and that the difficulties between the Session & Mr Weir were adjusted

Resolved that the doctrinal Sermon be delivered on Saturday of the present sessions

Committees were appointed to examine Session books (viz

Revd I. M. H. Adams & Doct Hunter — Rocky River
Revd Wm A Hall & Wm Kay — Goshen & Newhope
Revd A L Walls & Thos A Bell. — Bemah & Mallard Creek
Revd I. E Morrison & E. J. Alexander — Poplar Tent
Revd F. R. Nash & John Murdock — Concord & Salem
Revd D A Penick & I. T. Alexander — Joppa & Unity
Revd L Murray & A McRee — Morganton & Lincolnton
Revd Wm N. Morrison & T. Morrison — Pleasant Hill

Mr R. R Smith a licentiate of the Pres. Lexington presented a dismission to put himself under the care of this Presbytry. Whereupon Resolved that he be, and he hereby is received as a licentiate under our care

The temporary Clerk was directed to furnish the Church of Rocky River with a copy of the decision of Pres. in the case of Mr Burns.

The Com. on arrangement for devotional Exercises Reported viz

1 Singing & prayer by Revd W. L. Sharp
2 Exhortation by Revd D. A. Penick
3. Reading the Scriptures by Revd I. M. H. Adams
4 Exhortation by Revd I. M. Caldwell
5 Singing & prayer by the Moderator

Adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 oclock
Concluded with prayer.

Morganton Sept 10th 1841

Presbytry met according to adjournment & constituted with prayer
Present as on yesterday & the minute of yesterday were read
All the committee on session books reported and their reports were accepted & adopted
Resolved that a com be appointed to prepare and submit to presbytry a uniform plan for sessional records in accordance with the Constitution of the Church
Revd A L Watts. D. Penick & Doct Hunter were appointed said committee
Resolved that the order of this presbytry in reference to the election of deacons be continued
Resolved that in the opinion of this presbytry the Scriptural view of the subject does not extend the duties of deacons in the Church to serving the Lords Table, — but to all the secular concerns of the Church.

Mr Thos E Davis a graduate of Davidson College was introduced as desirous to put himself under the care of Presbytry as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry

Mr Davis was examined on his experimental acquaintance with religion and his motives for seeking the ministry, which examination was sustained: and Mr Davis having produced satisfactory testimonials of his good Moral Character and of his being in the communion of the Church, therefore Resolved that he be and he hereby is received as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry under our care

Resolved that those Churches which are delinquent in their contributions to the Commissioners fund be required to pay their dues to this fund at the next Stated sessions of Presbytry

T. E. Davis candidate

Resolved that it be a standing order of this presby that the Stated clerk furnish an extract of its proceedings for publication in the Watchman of the South as early after its adjournment as possible, and that he also publish the time & place of the stated meetings of Presbytery

The following Brethren were elected members of the Executive Committee on Education Viz Revd W. L. Pharr, Revd John M. M. Caldwell and H. K. Nash in the room of Revd Messrs D. P. Simmons & L. C. Cuthbertson resigned

Recess until 2½ oclock

After Recess. Presbytery proceeded to business

Revd James E Morrison requested the advice of Pres. as to the proper course to be pursued in reference to a woman connected with Concord Church, who has married a second husband altho her first husband had left her only three years previous to her last marriage & there being no evidence of his death

defered until tomorrow morning at 9 oclock

A request from the Executive Committee on Domestick Mission to hold a meeting this evening at 7 oclock. to present the claims of the Missionary Society was received and granted

Resolved that the next Stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Steel Creek Church on the last Wednesday of March 1842 at 11 oclock A. M.

Resolved that the standing order of Pres in regard to its Stated Spring meetings be rescinded

Resolved that the sessions of each Church be required to record annually the amount collected for the several Boards of the Church in their session Book previous to its presentation

to Pres. for review.

Resolved that a committee be appointed to make a report, with the view of carrying out the plan for the management of the collections for the Boards of the Church which was commenced by this presbytery at Back Creek Church

The Revd C Johnson D. A. Penick & H. N. Pharr were appointed said Committee. and reported as follows viz Your committee beg leave to report

1st The resolution adopted at Back Creek was designed to make a full and fair experiment with the view of testing the necessity of agencies within our bounds

2nd That with the view of giving system and efficiency to the plan, presbytery require a report from each Church, at its Spring Sessions, stating the amount of money collected for each Board viz Domestic Mission, Foreign Mission & Education and any which may fail so to report shall be regarded as delinquent, and called upon to report at the next Stated Session

3d That a page of the Presbyterial record be set apart annually to exhibit at one view a roll of the Churches and the monies paid by each to the different Boards

4 That the Treasurers of the Executive Committee of the Boards of Domestic Missions & Education within our bounds receive the monies for these Boards. and that some member be appointed to receive and forward the monies collected for the Board of Foreign Mission to the proper place of destination

Signed C. Johnson, D. A. Penick, H. N. Pharr } Com

The above report was accepted and adopted

The Revd J. L. McCutchan presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between him & the congregation of Goshen, and the Elder from Goshen ~~being~~ stated that the Church had given consent thereto, but final decision on the request was deferred until the meeting of the Presbytery at Fayetteville during the session of Synod in November

Recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

7 o'clock Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day. ~~viz~~ The report of the Executive com on Domestick Missions was read

Addresses were delivered by Revd J. D. Hall and J. K. Nash, and R. H. Morrison D.D. after which a collection was taken up for Domestick Missions amounting to $26.30/100

Adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock

Concluded with prayer

Morganton Sept 11th 1841

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer, present as on yesterday

Resolved that the examination of Mr Thos E Davis on Literature be defered for the present

Revds James M. H. Adams J. D. Hall Mr Murdock and Mr McKee had leave of absence

Resolved that the Standing members of Pres be required to pay one dollar each to defray the travelling expenses of the directors & Electors of Union Seminary &

Revd W. S. Plumer was appointed treasurer pro tem to receive the money and pay it over to the treasurer of Presbytery.

The order of the day was taken up viz. a request for advice from Concord Church, (Cabarrus)

Whereupon Resolved as the opinion & advice of Presbytery that the member (in reference to whom advice was asked) by Revd J. E. Morrison) under existing circumstances cannot be retained in the communion of the Church

Mr Thos E Davis a candidate for the Ministry under our care was examined on the Latin & Greek Languages and on the Sciences which examination was sustained and the following exercises were assigned him as parts of trials previous to licensure viz Critical Exercise on Rom 9-1-5 Latin Exegesis "An Sanctus Spiritus Lit. Deus"

Popular Lecture 15 Psalm: Popular Sermon John 3. 16th

The Revd D. A. Penick according to previous appointment preached the doctrinal Sermon, (on justification) from Job 9th 2nd

The Committee appointed to draft a Schedule of a plan for keeping the Sessional Records reported and their report was accepted & adopted and is as follows viz The Committee appointed to prepare a Schedule for Sessional Records beg leave to report that the following items be matters of Record

1st The Ministers
2nd The Elders
3d Adult Baptisms
5 Marriages
6 Infant Baptisms
7 Record of Sessional meetings
8 A Brief History of the Church

2nd That the book be divided between the different matters of Record so as to secure the proper proportion to each part

3. That there be a complete index to the Book

Form for Record of Baptisms

Date 1841.	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Date of Birth 1841	By whom Baptized
Sept 12	Sarah S.	A & E. S White	July 12	J. D. A.

Form for Record of Members

No Membs 160.	Names of mems	Date admitted	Date Rejected	Date dismissed	Date Suspended	Date died	Remarks

Resolved that the Committee of Domestic Missions be directed to make special efforts to obtain one or more Missionaries for Macon County and its vicinity who can go immediately to that field, and so that they be sustained with competent salaries; —— and that the Members of this Presbytery be directed to urge their respective Charges to contribute liberally to the support of Domestic Missions ✓

Whereas the Board of Trustees of Davidson College brought suit against Mr John Stitt Senr for his subscription to said College, under a mistaken apprehension that he wished said suit to be brought against him; and whereas the institution of that suit has operated against the interests of the College and peace of the Congregation in which he resides

Therefore Resolved that Presbytery do earnestly recommend the Board of Trustees to withdraw the suit and relinquish the idea of its farther prosecution

Resolved that notwithstanding the foregoing resolution, Presbytery are of opinion that the Subscribers who made subscription to Davidson College at the instance of Revd R. H. Morrison D.D. & Revd P. J. Sparrow, are morally as well as legally bound to pay their respective subscriptions, and that it be recommended to the Board of trustees to make an urgent appeal to the Consciences and integrity of those subscribers for the immediate payment of their respective subscriptions

Whereas the Revd R. H. Morrison D.D. late President of Davidson College & Revd P. J. Sparrow late Prof of Languages in the same were induced to accept a Salary of $1200 each for their services, & whereas the Board of Trustees of said College do not feel authorised according to the Constitution to pay them more than $1000. each without an order from the Presbytery; Therefore unanimously resolved that the Board of Trustees be and hereby it is directed to pay the late Pastor & Professor according to the pledges given them by this Presbytery.

Resolved That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be transmitted to Bethel Presbytery

Recess till 7 Oclock P.M.

After Recess Presbytery proceeded to business

The proposed alterations and amendments of the Constitution of Davidson Colleg as recorded on Pages 180. and 181 were taken up and considered, and the proposed amendments of the 1st Section of the I Article of the Constitution was unanimously adopted, Votes 22 and the proposed amendment of 1st Sec of the 2nd Art. was unanimously adopted Votes 22, also the proposed amendment of the 7th Section was unanimously adopted Votes 22

The proposed amendment of the 2nd Section 2d Art and of the 4th Article, and of the 7th Section of the 6th Article were deferred for final action until the next Stated meeting of Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet at Fayetteville during the Session of Synod, (at the Call of the Moderator)

Concluded with prayer

Signed Wm M Coldwell Clk pro tem
Williamson Sd Clk

The Committee appointed to examine the records of the Presbytery of Concord, report that they have examined the same, & recommend that they be approved to page 200, with the following exceptions viz: that they contain no full statistics of the Churches, & that there is a want of explicitness in showing for what purposes the meetings of Presbytery were called—

W. S. Pharr Moderator

Fayetteville, N. C. November 19th, 1841.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

The following members were present, viz.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev.d Walter S. Pharr	Dr. Joseph Ross
" Stephen Frontis	Mr. Joseph Summer
" Henry N. Pharr	
" Cyrus Johnston	
" A. L. Watts	
" John S. M.c Culloch	
" F. K. Nash	
" John M. M. Caldwell	
" Angus Johnson	

Mr. E. F. Rockwell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, presented a certificate of his good standing and dismission from said Presbytery, with the view of putting himself under our care.

Whereupon Mr. Rockwell was taken under the care of this Presbytery.

The call which Presbytery permitted the Congregation of Fourth Creek to prosecute before the Presbytery of Fayetteville for the ministerial labours of Mr. E. F. Rockwell, not having been prosecuted, for satisfactory reasons, was presented to this Presbytery, and, after due deliberation, was put into the hands of Mr. Rockwell, who signified his acceptance of it.

Presbytery then resolved that when it adjourns it will adjourn to meet in the town of Statesville, on the 14th day of December next, to ordain and install Mr. E. F. Rockwell as Pastor of Fourth Creek Church. The Rev. Stephen Frontis was appointed to preach the sermon; the Rev. H. N. Pharr

to preside and deliver the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. John M. Wilson to give the charge to the people.

Romans 5th ch. & 1st v. was assigned to Mr. Rockwell as a subject for a popular sermon.

Presbytery took a recess to meet again at the call of the Moderator.

Fayetteville, November 20th.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

The Rev. Cyrus Johnston was notified that the preaching of the doctrinal sermon, at the next stated meeting, would devolve on him.

The application of the Rev. John S. McCutchan, for the dissolution of his pastoral relation with the church of Goshen, was taken up, and definite action therein was deferred till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Statesville on the 14th day of December next, at candle light. Concluded with prayer.

John M. M. Caldwell
Temp. Clerk.

Statesville, N.C. December 14th 1841.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers.

Rev. Henry N. Pharr
" Stephen Frontis
" James D. Hall
" J. M. H. Adams
" J. M. Wilson.
" Frederick K. Nash.

Ruling Elders.

Benjamin Phifer
Richard Hall
Joseph McElligan
Thomas A. Allison.

The Rev. H. N. Pharr was chosen Moderator and the Rev. J. M. Wilson. Temp. Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting not being present, Presbytery proceeded to call for any paper demanding its attention. Whereupon, a call from the church of Charlotte, for the ministerial labours of the Rev. Frederick K. Nash, was handed in, and, after being read, its further consideration was postponed, that Presbytery might hear the sermon assigned to Mr. E. F. Rockwell, as part of trials, previous to his ordination; which was accordingly preached from Romans 5th ch. 1st v. "Therefore "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through "our Lord Jesus Christ."

After sermon, the call from the church of Charlotte was taken up. A Commissioner from said church, being present, stated the reasons which induced them to present the call.

The Rev. F. K. Nash and the Commissioner from his church, (viz. Unity,) were also heard, and the case considered; when it was, on motion, resolved, that the call be placed in the hands of Mr. Nash for consideration. The parties not being prepared to have the matter issued at the present time, — it was ordered that the Rev. F. K. Nash and the congregation of Unity be cited to appear before Presbytery, at our next stated meeting to be held at Steel Creek Church, to consider the subject of the translation of Mr. Nash's pastoral charge.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at 8 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Statesville, December 15th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The Rev. A. L. Watts and Lemuel Murray appeared in Presbytery and took their seats. On motion, the examination of Mr. E. F. Rockwell, as prescribed by our form of Govern[ment]

E. F. Rockwell ord.

previous to ordination, was taken up, — and he was therefore examined on experimental religion, his views in seeking the ministry, on Theology and Church-Government. The Presbytery being, from proper testimony satisfied of Mr Rockwell's literary qualifications, omitted his examination on the languages and sciences.

All the parts of trial having been gone through, it was, on motion, resolved, that Mr Rockwell's examination be sustained, and that Presbytery proceed to ordain and install him, according to our form of Government.

Presbytery took a recess of three quarters of an hour, to meet again in the church.

After recess, Presbytery met. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Stephen Frontis from Ezekiel 33d ch. 1st —— 9th verses. The constitutional questions were then put, by the Rev. H. N. Pharr, both to the Candidate and to the Congregation, and being answered in the affirmative, Mr E. F. Rockwell was then, by prayer and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, duly and solemnly ordained to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry, and installed as Pastor of Fourth Creek Church. After which a charge was delivered to the Pastor by the Rev. H. N. Pharr, and to the congregation by the Rev. J. M. Wilson.

After the congregation was dismissed, the Rev. E. F. Rockwell was invited to take his seat as a regular member of this Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Steel Creek Church, on the last Wednesday in March, 1842. at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

J. M. Wilson.
Temp. Clerk.

Steele Creek Church, March 30th 1842.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at Seven o'clock, A. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. John S. M. Culchan, the Moderator, from Jeremiah 8th ch. 22d v. and constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. John Robinson D.D.	Mr Charles W. Harris
" John Williamson	Wm. Jamieson
" Walter L. Pharr	Wm R. Stephenson
" Samuel Williamson	John Morrison
" Stephen Frontis	Wm. Ross
" Henry N. Pharr	James Linn
" Daniel A. Penick	Abner Adams
" Cyprus Johnston	R. Freeman
" Wm. A. Hall	John M'Culloch
" A. Y. Lockridge	James Pharr
" J. S. M'Culchan	Jacob Hair
" A. L. Watts	A. Caldwell
" J. D. Hall	Thomas Black
" J. E. Morrison	David Kilpatrick
" J. M. H. Adams	John Steel
" John M. M. Caldwell	John White
" Angus Johnston	Andrew Hoyle
" John M. Wilson	Alexander Caldwell
" James Kerr	J. Irwin
" E. F. Rockwell	Robert A. Beattie

Absent. ——

Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. — J. La Roy Davies, James R. M'Pherson, — Wm N. Morrison, — Frederick K. Nash, — Samuel Murray, — Daniel Lindsay, — Thomas D. Johnston, — and Alexander E. Wilson.

The Rev. James Kerr was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Cyrus Johnston and J. M. M. Caldwell Temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess for 30 minutes.

After recess, the minutes of the last stated sessions and of the adjourned meetings of Presbytery at Fayetteville and Statesville were read.

The Rev. John Robinson D.D. John Williamson, Samuel Williamson, Stephen Frontis and Angus Johnson rendered satisfactory excuses for absence from the last stated sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev. John B. Davies presented a certificate of good and regular standing with the Presbytery of Bethel, and of dismission from the same, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord. Whereupon Mr Davies was examined as to his distinctive doctrinal views; which examination being satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The hour of two o'clock on to morrow was appointed for devotional exercises; and the Rev. A. L. Watts, J. S. M'Catchan, and Mr R. Freeman were appointed a Committee to make all necessary arrangements.

A letter was received and read from the church of Franklin, Macon County, requesting a supply, and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

It was, on motion, resolved, that the Stated Clerk be required annually to enter upon the records of Presbytery the statistical report, a copy of which is sent to the General Assembly, and also of that sent to Synod.

The Committee of Domestic Missions were appointed a Committee of supplies.

Adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Steel-Creek Church, March 31st. 1842.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The hour of three o'clock, this afternoon, was appointed for the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds.

The Rev. J. S. M'Catchan, H. N. Pharr, and Mr Charles W. Harris were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative.

The Rev. Samuel Williamson and Stephen Frontis were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the subject of the death of the Rev. A. E. Wilson.

The Rev. Stephen Frontis and Mr Michael Brown were appointed a committee to receive and forward monies collected in our churches for the Central Board of Foreign Missions.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for devotional exercises made the following report, which was adopted, viz.

1st. Singing and prayer by the Rev. Samuel Williamson.
2d. Exhortation by the Rev. John B. Davies.
3d. Reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Rev. H. N. Pharr.
4th. Exhortation by the Rev. Wm. A. Hall.
5th. Doxology and Benediction by the Rev. John Robinson D.D.

The Rev. Samuel Williamson and A. W. Lockridge were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

It was on motion, resolved, that Presbytery send but two Commissioners to the General Assembly. Whereupon, the Rev. Stephen Frontis and Mr Charles W. Harris were appointed principals, and the Rev. Cyrus Johnston and Mr George Andrews were appointed alternates.

Resolved unanimously, that our Commissioners to the General Assembly unite with the Commissioners of the

Presbyteries of Orange and Fayetteville in requesting the Assembly to change the time of the next meeting of the Synod of North Carolina, from the 12th day of October next, to the 26th of that month.

The Rev. J. Le Roy Davies and F. K. Nash appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for delay.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows ——viz. "The Committee appointed to make nominations for Trustees of Davidson College, recommend the election of the following Gentlemen for four years, viz.— Rev. John M. M. Caldwell,— J. M. H. Adams,— John S. M'Catchan,— & John B. Davies; with Majr Wm L. Davidson, — Charles W. Harris,— Robert Potts,— D. A. Caldwell,— & Dr W.m B. M'Lean. Also— Dr G. Stinson, in the room of Gen. Davidson, deceased;— Wm King, in the room of Wm Barr, deceased;— and W.m S. Harris, in the room of Robert H. Burton, deceased.

The Rev. Samuel Williamson tendered his resignation of Stated Clerk to Presbytery, which was accepted.

Whereupon, it was resolved, that the thanks of Presbytery be given to the Rev. Samuel Williamson for his long continued and faithful services.

The Rev. Stephen Frontis was elected Stated Clerk.

The Rev. John S. M'Catchan asked leave to withdraw his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation subsisting between him and the church of Goshen; which was granted.

Inquiry was made of the Pastors of our churches,— whether they had complied with the order of the General Assembly, respecting the appointment of Deacons, when it was ascertained that a number of our churches have complied with the order, and others had not, for various reasons which were deemed satisfactory.

The Pastors of the churches were called upon to report

what collections have been made in their respective congregations for the Boards of our Church, which collections are exhibited in the Statistical Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly, appended to the minutes.

A letter, from the Corresponding Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Education, was read and referred to the members of the Education Committee here present, to report thereon and prepare an answer to it, during the present Sessions of Presbytery.

The hour of eleven o'clock on tomorrow morning was appointed, as the time for Presbytery to hear the doctrinal sermon.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery the subject of bringing forward and training up pious young men for the Gospel ministry, is not receiving the attention which its importance demands. It is, therefore, hereby enjoined on all the pastors of our churches to preach at least one sermon on the subject of a call to the Gospel ministry, or some kindred topic, during the ensuing year;— to make diligent inquiry, in their respective charges, for suitable candidates for the ministerial office, and report thereon at the next Spring sessions of Presbytery.

Calls were received and read from the churches of Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill, for the ministerial labours of the Rev. A. L. Watts, which were put into his hands, and who signified his acceptance of the same.

The arrangements were then made for Mr Watts's installation at Steel Creek Church, on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock A. M. The Rev. James Kerr was appointed to preach the sermon and to preside; the Rev. Stephen Frontis to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. F. K. Nash to deliver the charge to the people.

The call, in the hands of the Rev. F. R. Nash, from the church of Charlotte, was by him returned to this Presbytery. Whereupon, it was ordered that it be returned to the church of Charlotte.

The Rev. F. R. Nash presented a request, that his pastoral relation to the church of Unity be dissolved. Whereupon, resolved, that the congregation of Unity be cited to appear at the next meeting of Presbytery, to show cause, if any they have, why the request of Mr. Nash should not be granted.

Resolved, that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Unity Church, Lincoln County, on Friday before the third Sabbath in April next.

Presbytery took a recess for 30 minutes.

After recess, Presbytery spent an interesting season in devotional exercises; according to the arrangement previously fixed upon.

It was, on motion, resolved, that each Director & Elector of the Union Theological Seminary, now present, should hand in his claims to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

The order of the day was taken up, — viz. The free conversation on the state of religion. After which, the proposed amendments of the Constitution of Davidson College were taken up, and after some discussion, Presbytery adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Steel-Creek Church, April 1st 1842.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

The Committee, appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of the Rev. Alexander E. Wilson, reported; and their report was accepted & adopted, and is as follows: viz. ——— ——— ———

"The Presbytery of Concord has heard, with unfeigned sorrow, of the death of one of its members, the Rev. Alexander E. Wilson, M. D. missionary to Africa, who fell, at Cape Palmas, a victim to an epidemic disease, on the 13th day of October, 1841. This beloved brother devoted the best of his days to the best of all causes; and the willing sacrifice which he made of friends and country, — his labours & fatigue by sea & by land, — his deep affliction in the loss of a beloved companion, under circumstances peculiarly heart-rending, — the holy submission and patience with which this was borne, — and the noble courage and dauntedness he manifested when he voluntarily went, with his life in his hand, to plead for his missionary associates before the blood-stained Dingan, — all evinced what the grace and love of the Redeemer can effect, when it has entire possession of the heart.

His brethren in the ministry and numerous christian friends cannot easily forget his visit to his native land, three years ago, and the pleasing impressions which he left wherever he went. They cannot forget that notwithstanding the attachment of friends and dear relatives, the love of country and the endearing caresses of his motherless child, dearer to him than life itself, — he, for the second time, responded to the call of deeply injured Africa, and again crossed the ocean, with the determination of spending the remnant of his days in that benighted land.

While Presbytery would bless God, who permitted our departed brother, in his last moments, to give very pleasing and satisfactory evidence that his hope, like an anchor, was sure and steadfast, entering into that within the veil, —— we feel admonished by his early death, not only to do quickly whatsoever our hands find to do, but to hearken to the voice

which, from his grave, is heard across the mighty deep, crying: Come over into Africa and help us!"—

To which we would fain hope a response will be quickly given; that this Presbytery may still be represented in that foreign field of missions, by some of our brethren desirous to emulate the self-denial, love and zeal of our beloved Wilson", who, through faith & "patience has now inherited the promises."

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery, it is contrary to the principles of our Church Government and a manifest breach of the rules of propriety, for church members to remove from one congregation to another without a certificate; or to be enrolled in two congregations at the same time.

The Executive Committee on Education read a letter, in answer to that received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Assembly's Board of Education, which was recommitted for amendment. They also reported, and their report was accepted & adopted, and is as follows—

"The Executive Committee on Education make the following report.— viz. Only two candidates for the Gospel Ministry now receive aid through your Committee,— Robert A. Davis and O. D. McNeely. We take pleasure in stating that from all the information we can obtain in reference to them, we are encouraged to hope they will be useful servants of the Great Redeemer. It will appear from the Treasurer's report that our funds are nearly exhausted. To replenish the treasury we recommend that a public meeting be held in the Church this afternoon at the hour of three o'clock; that addresses be delivered by the Rev. Samuel Williamson. & D. A. Penick, and that a collection be taken up in aid of the cause of Education. Moreover, that the Pastors of those churches which have not contributed to this cause during the present

year, be directed to adopt such measures as will furnish your Committee with the requisite amount of funds.

Signed (Walter L. Pharr, A. Y. Lockridge, J. M. M. Caldwell) Committee.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Education reported, and his report was accepted. The Rev. J. E. Morrison and A. Andrew Hoyle were appointed a Committee to audit his accounts.

The Presbytery took up the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.— the proposed amendments of the Constitution of Davidson College. The proposed alteration of Article 2d. Section 2d. was taken up, and it was, on motion, resolved, that the same be postponed till the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and that a Committee be appointed to examine the Charter of our College and report to Presbytery whether there is any thing in that instrument, which would prevent the election of the officers of Davidson College from devolving on the Board of Trustees. The Rev. Samuel Williamson, R. H. Morrison D.D. and D. A. Penick were appointed the Committee.

It was on motion resolved, that the following amendment of Article 2d. Section 2d. of the Constitution of Davidson College, be submitted to the same Committee for their consideration and to report thereon at our next stated meeting:— viz. "Article 2d. Section 2d. Of the "election of the Officers of College.

"The President and Professors shall be elected "by the Presbyteries, and the Tutors shall be appointed "by the Board of Trustees; subject to be affirmed or "annulled by the Presbyteries at their next regular meetings.

"When it is deemed expedient or necessary to "elect a member or members of the Faculty, the Board "of Trustees, being regularly convened to consider the

"propriety of such election, shall, on deciding that the election
"ought to be made, proceed to nominate suitable candidates,
"and when the nomination shall be completed by the Board,
"it shall invite constitutional meetings of the Presbyteries,
"to be convened at such times and places as may be designated
"by the Moderators or Stated Clerks of the respective
"Presbyteries; informing them of this determination and
"of the nomination made by the Board of Trustees.
"And when the Presbyteries shall be so convened, they
"shall proceed to elect, out of the nomination thus made,
"the proposed officer or officers; and it shall require a
"majority of all the votes, so given, to elect such officer
"or officers."

Resolved, that the Stated Clerk complete the statistical report at his leisure; record it and have it forwarded to the General Assembly.

The Rev. Wm. A. Hall was appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon at the next Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

The proposed amendment of article VI. Section 7th. of the Constitution of Davidson College, was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, that each member of Presbytery pay now one dollar to the Contingent Fund.

The VII.th article of the Constitution of Davidson College, touching vacations, was also referred to the Committee appointed to examine the Charter, to report on said article.

The Rev. F. K. Nash tendered his resignation of his office as a member of the Executive Committee on Education; which was accepted and the Rev. John B. Davies was appointed in his place.

The Rev. F. K. Nash tendered also his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of Davidson

College; which was accepted, and the Rev. Walter S. Pharr was appointed to fill his place.

The second Saturday of July next was appointed to be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; in view of the low state of religion in all our churches.

The Rev. F. K. Nash tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Missions, which was accepted, and the Rev. James Rees was appointed in his place.

The Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Treasurer of the depository of the books of our Board of Publication, sent in his resignation, as Treasurer, which was accepted, and a report which was accepted & adopted, and is as follows—viz: "Report to the Presbytery of Concord, as Treasurer "of the Depository of books of the Board of Publication.

"When the Semi-Centinary collections were forwarded, "I ordered, as directed by Presbytery, one hundred dollars "worth of books. These were received by the Librarian, "Mr Thomas W. Sparrow. On the 6th. of October "1840 I paid to Mr. Thomas W. Sparrow fifty nine "dollars, the amount received from Third Creek Congregation, "and which the Presbytery also ordered to be expended in "the purchase of books.

"The whole amount of books purchased by my orders has "been one hundred and fifty nine dollars.

"As I have received no money and no reports from the "Librarian, I am not able to inform Presbytery how "many books have been sold, or what amount of money "is in his hands. Having removed to a situation remote "from the Depository, I hope the Presbytery will "accept of my resignation as Treasurer, and appoint "a successor more convenient to Davidson College.

"Respectfully submitted,

"March 25th. 1842. R. H. Morrison."

The Rev. John B. Davies was appointed Treasurer of our Book Depository, in the room of the Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. resigned; and the Librarian of the Depository, Mr Thomas W. Sparrow, was requested to report at our next stated sessions.

The Executive Committee on Education read their amended letter, which was accepted & adopted, and ordered to be sent to the Cor. Sec. of the Gen. Ass.' Board of Education.

The Committee of supplies reported, and their report was accepted & adopted, and is as follows — viz.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions, being appointed a Committee of supplies, would respectfully report, — that the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell and A. L. Watts — at one time, and the Rev. Cyrus Johnston and Angus Johnson — at another, — spend as much time as convenient in the Counties of Anson and Montgomery. —

That the Rev. A. Y. Lockridge and J. M. H. Adams go to the Counties of Surry & Wilkes.

The Rev. John Williamson, Walter S. Pharr, & James Rum — to the Counties of Burke & Caldwell.

Rev. J. Le Roy Davies, Samuel Murray & C. B. Smith — to the Counties of Rutherford & Cleaveland.

Rev. H. N. Pharr, J. M. Wilson & Wm Morrison — to the Counties of Buncombe & Yancey.

Rev. Wm A. Hall, and James E. Morrison — to the Counties of Haywood & Henderson.

Rev. Daniel A. Penick, and J. S. M'Cutchan — to the County of Macon.

Rev. James D. Hall, and E. F. Rockwell — to the County of Clarke.

Mr John M'Pherson, — to the County of Cherokee.

The time of all these to be at discretion.

The Rev. Samuel Williamson — to spend one Sabbath

in Charlotte and administer there the Lord's Supper.

The Rev. John B. Davies to spend one Sabbath at Goshen.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed J. M. H. Adams
J. M. Wilson
F. R. Cash.
H. N. Pharr
} Committee.

Resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at Asheville, on the Thursday before the last Sabbath in August next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Education reported that they had found his accounts correctly kept; and that there is a balance in the Treasury of $22,66.

Presbytery took a recess for five minutes.

Presbytery met after recess to hear the doctrinal sermon preached by the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, from Galatians 4: 5. The subject being the 12th ch. of our Confession of Faith, which treats "of Adoption."

After sermon, Presbytery took a recess for 30 minutes.

Presbytery met after recess. The Rev. James D. M'Pherson having, by letter, requested a dismission from this Presbytery, to unite himself with the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C. It was, on motion, resolved, that the Rev. James D. M'Pherson, at his own request, be, and he hereby is, dismissed from this Presbytery, as a member in good & regular standing, to unite himself to the Presbytery of Harmony.

It was ordered that the following brethren supply the pulpit of the Rev. S. Frontis, during his absence from his charge, to attend, as our Commissioner, the meeting of the General Assembly — viz. Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Wm A. Hall, James D. Hall, J. M. H. Adams, and John M. Wilson.

(Steel-Creek.)

The Committee appointed to write a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds — reported, and their report was accepted & adopted; and is as follows — viz.

"A Narrative of the State of religion, within the bounds of the Presbytery of Concord, as condensed from the statements of the several members.

"It is not our privilege, in presenting a narrative of the state of religion at this time, as some years ago, to report powerful awakenings and the return of multitudes to the Lord. Within our bounds there has not been during the year any thing like a revival of religion. In general, the attendance of our people on the means of grace has been good, and their attention to the word respectful. But the word has not been clothed with such power as at some times has attended it. Conversions have been rare and consequently the additions to our churches have been few. In many of our churches the additions have not equalled the deaths and removals. So that in these churches there has been an actual decrease of members.

The tone of piety in our churches is languid. Whilst a few of our people seem to maintain their former ardor, there has been with the great mass of our people an evident decline in the life & power of religion. Nor, when we speak of the low state of piety, can we exclude ourselves. A spiritual langour pervades all classes. The interests of undying souls do not press on our minds with due weight; and we are sorry to see that the standard of christian character and conduct is gradually conforming to the principles & maxims of the world.

Yet we are not without some things for which to be truly grateful to the Great Head of the Church. We would thank the Lord for the additions to our churches, though few, they show that the Lord has not utterly forsaken us. We would feel thankful too, that many begin to mourn over the low state of Zion. Another cause for gratitude is that we have had few cases in our churches calling for discipline. In some of our churches flourishing Sabbath Schools were kept up last Summer and will be, in a few weeks, resumed for the year. Rather more than usual attention has been

paid to the catechetical instruction of the young. Most of our members pay some attention to the coloured population. Some preach to them once in a month, separately from the whites. These services are well attended and the sermons attentively heard, and we hope the results will be happy to that class of our population. Whilst therefore we feel that we have much cause for gratitude, many things loudly call on us to humble ourselves before God, imploring his forgiveness, his blessing and his reviving Spirit."

H. M. Shaw
J. S. McCutchan } Committee.

Mr. John McCulloch and Rev. John B. Davies obtained leave of absence after the session of this evening.

The overture from the church of Bowpoint, on the subject of baptism, and the report of the Committee on the same, were withdrawn, with the consent of Presbytery.

The Rev. Stephen Frontis & Mr. Y. Lockridge were appointed a Committee to correspond with our missionary, the Rev. T. E. Johnston and to answer his last letter.

The resolution to postpone the order of the day till to morrow at two o'clock, was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, that the brethren, appointed to attend to the installation of the Rev. A. L. Watts on to morrow, be a Committee of Presbytery to perform said service, and report at the next stated sessions of Presbytery.

The thanks of this Presbytery were tendered to the congregation of Steel-Creek, for their kindness and hospitality to us during our present sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Unity Church, Lincoln County, on the Friday before the third Sabbath in this month.

Concluded with prayer.

(signed) James Shaw — Moderator.

Stephen Frontis — Stated Clerk.

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H. N. Pharr } Committee.
J. S. McCutchan }

Mr. John M'Culloch and Rev. John B. Davies obtained leave of absence after the session of this evening.

The overture from the church of Prospect, on the subject of baptism, and the report of the Committee on the same, were withdrawn, with the consent of Presbytery.

The Rev. Stephen Frantis & M. Y. Lockridge were appointed a Committee to correspond with our missionary, the Rev. T. C. Johnston and to answer his last letter.

The resolution to postpone the order of the day till to morrow at two o'clock, was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, that the brethren, appointed to attend to the [illegible] L. Wills on to morrow, be a [to] perform said service; and report [to] Presbytery.

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[Adjourned] to meet at Unity Church, Lincoln [county] on the third Sabbath in this month, [at] 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with prayer.

James Barr — Moderator.

Stephen Frantis — Stated Clerk.

Henry N. Pharr was taken under the care of Concord Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry Nov. 14th 1821 at Sugar creek, he was licensed at Lincolnton Sept. 5th 1823, and was ordained and installed pastor of the church of Prospect June 9th 1825.

He continued pastor of Prospect church until April 7th 1831 when the pastoral relation was dissolved by Presbytery in session at Unity church Lincoln co. N. C. at his own request. At the meeting of Presbytery at Back creek church April 5th 1832 the church of Concord (Cabarrus co.) presented a call for Rev. H. N. Pharr which Presbytery placed in his hands for consideration, and at his request he had liberty to consider it until the next stated sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery in session at Unity church (Lincoln co.) Oct. 5th 1832, permission was given Rev. H. N. Pharr still to hold in his hands for consideration the call from Concord church until the next stated sessions.

Presbytery in session at Rocky River church April 3d 1833, a call was presented to Presbytery from the church of Concord for the one half the ministerial labors of the Rev.

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H. N. Pharr
J. S. McCutchan } Committee.

Mr. John McCulloch and Rev. John B. Davies obtained leave of absence after the Session of this evening.

The overture from the church of Bonpoint, on the subject of baptism, and the report of the Committee on the same, were withdrawn, with the consent of Presbytery.

The Rev. Stephen Frontis & A. Y. Lockridge were appointed a Committee to correspond with our missionary, the Rev. T. P. Johnston and to answer his last letter.

The resolution to postpone the order of the day till to morrow at two o'clock, was reconsidered and indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, that the brethren [illegible] appointed to attend to the [illegible] Wells on to morrow, be a [illegible] form said service; and report [illegible] Presbytery.

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(signed) James Pharr — Moderator.

Stephen Frontis — Stated Clerk.

H. N. Pharr, and he having rejected the former call from the same church, this call was presented to him, and accepted. Whereupon it was ordered that his installation as pastor of Concord church take place on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in May 1833: Presbytery being in session at Bethany church Oct 2d 1833: the committee appointed to install Rev. H. N. Pharr as pastor of Concord church reported that they had attended to that duty.

Copy of the Annual Report of The Presbytery of Concord to the General Assembly, that the Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly of 1842.

consist of 28 Ministers; and have under their care 52 Churches, 2 Licentiates, 5 Candidates

Ministers &c.	Churches	Communicants: Added on examination	Added on certificate	Total of Communicants	Baptized: Adults	Baptized: Infants	Funds Collected: Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Bibles	Theolog. Seminary	Commissioners Fund.	Contingent Fund.	Post-Offices.
Rev. John Robinson, D.D. W.C.	Poplar Tent, S.S.			260									Cts. ,50	Mill-Grove, N.C.
" John B. Davies, S.S.	Bethel, S.S.												,50	Davidson College, N.C.
" John Williamson, P.	Hopewell & Paw-Creek, P.	11		200	1	15						$.5,	,50	Alexandriana, N.C.
" Walter S. Pharr, P.	Mallard-Creek, P. Ramah, S.S.	10	1	250		15		$75					,50	Mill-Grove, N.C.
" R.H. Morrison, D.D. W.C.	Charlotte, V. Lebanon, V.													Cottage Home, N.C.
" Samuel Williamson, Pres.	Davidson College, P.			19		1		$20,	$5,				,50	Davidson College, N.C.
" Stephen Frontis, P.	Salisbury, P.			100		6		33,				10,	,50	Salisbury, N.C.
" Henry N. Pharr, P.	Concord & Salem, P.	11	3	180	2	12		26,					,50	Statesville, N.C.
" Daniel A. Penick, P.	Rocky-River, P.	10	4	505	1	50	$38,	113,	115,				,50	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
" Cyrus Johnston, P.	Providence & Sharon, P.	12	1	191	6	27	38,	55,	6,			7,	,50	Providence, N.C.
" Wm. A. Hall, P.	Joppa & Unity, P.	8		182		11	13,	25,				4,	,50	Mocksville, N.C.
" J. LeRoy Davies, P.	Centre & Prospect, P.	34	5	300	18	27	12,						,50	Mount Mourne, N.C.
" Andrew Y. Lockridge, P.	Back Creek, P.	6	5	218		12			6,			5,	,50	Houston's P.O. N.C.
" John S. M. Caldwell, P.	Goshen & New Hope, P.	5	1	135		8	11,					4,	,50	Statesville, N.C.
" Albertus L. Wells, P.	Steel Creek & Pleasant Hill, P.	21	3	225	5	25		33,				4,		Steel Creek, N.C.
" James E. Morrison, P.	Bethpage & Concord Town, P.	12	4	200	1	22		53,				5,	,50	Concord, N.C.
" James D. Hall, P.	Thyatira & Franklin, P.	12	4	300	3	24	5,	15,	2,			6,		Salisbury, N.C.
" James M.H. Adams, P.	Third Creek, P.			205								4,	,50	Cowansville, N.C.
" John M.M. Caldwell, P.	Sugar Creek, P.			310									,50	Charlotte, N.C.
" Angus Johnson, P.	Philadelphia & Union, P.	13	2	300	2	25		15,				5,	,50	Coburn's Store, N.C.
" John M. Wilson, P.	Bethany & Tabor, P.	6		200	1	13		53,				6,	,50	Bethany Church, N.C.
" Wm. N. Morrison, S.S.	Rowan's Creek & Swananoa, S.S.			30										Swannanoa, N.C.
" Frederick K. Nash, P.	Unity, P.	1	1	120	1	20	28,	25,						Beattie's Ford, N.C.
" Samuel Murray, S.S.	Lincolnton & Long Creek, S.S.			94										Lincolnton, N.C.
" James Reid, S.S.	Morganton & Drusilla, S.S.			116		3							,50	Morganton, N.C.
" E.F. Rockwell, P.	Fourth Creek, P.		3	94		24		30,				4,	,50	Statesville, N.C.
" Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Wilkesborough, V. Smyrna, V.			8										Port Natal, Africa.
" Thomas P. Johnston, F.M.	Olney, S.S. Duncan's Creek, S.S.			70										Forbigond, Western Asia.
Licentiates.	Asheville, V. Silcam, V.			45										
John E. M'Pherson, D.M.	Franklin, S.S. Davidson's River, V.													Continuation of the Report on the next page.
Charles R. Smith, D.M.	Rutherfordton & Little Britain, S.S.			130										
Candidates 5.	Total	172	37	4987	41	340	$145,	$572,	$135,			$71,	$10,	

Continuation of the preceding Report.

The Presbytery further report, that during the past year they have ordained and installed the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, — that they have received the Rev. Leonard Murray from the Presbytery of Tombeckbee, the Rev. James Reav from the Presbytery of Lexington, and the Rev. John B. Davies from the Presbytery of Bethel; — that they have dismissed the Rev. D. J. Sparrow, to join the Presbytery of West Hanover, and the Rev. James D. McPherson, to join the Presbytery of Harmony; — that they have installed the Rev. A. L. Watts, — and that they have lost by death the Rev. Alexander E. Wilson, M.D. Missionary at Cape Palmas, Africa.

Stephen Frontis — Stated Clerk.

Salisbury, N. C. April 29th 1842.

Approved to the above page Walter L Pharr Mod.

Asheville, N. C. August 25th 1842.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to appointment at 11 o'clock, A. M. and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. S. McCutchan, the last Moderator present, from Ephesians 4:30. and constituted with prayer.

Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
Rev. John S. McCutchan.	
" John M. Wilson	
" Wm. N. Morrison	M. Curtis Saunders
" E. F. Rockwell	

Absent.

Rev. John Robinson, D.D. John B. Davies; John Williamson; R. H. Morrison, D.D. Walter L. Pharr; Samuel Williamson; Stephen Frontis; Henry N. Pharr; Daniel A. Penick; Cyrus Johnston; Wm. A. Hall; J. Le Roy Davies; Andrew J. Lockridge; Albertus L. Watts; James E. Morrison; James D. Hall; James M. H. Adams; John M. M. Caldwell; Angus Johnston; Frederick K. Nash; Leonard Murray; James Reav; Daniel Lindley; and Thomas L. Johnston.

In view of the small number of members present, caused by excessive rains and high waters, Presbytery took a recess until half past eight o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met after recess. The Rev. Leonard Murray appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Without transacting any business, Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at half past eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Asheville, N. C. August 26th half past 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The Rev. Samuel Murray was elected Moderator and the Rev. John M. Wilson Temp. Clerk.

The records of Presbytery not being present, the minutes of our Spring Sessions could not be read.

The Rev. J. S. M'Cutchan & E. F. Rockwell were appointed a Committee on devotional exercises.

The Rev. J. M. Wilson & Wm. N. Morrison were appointed a Committee to direct the religious services during the Sessions of Presbytery.

The Rev. J. M. Wilson & E. F. Rockwell were appointed a Committee to examine the Session Books of New Hope & Lincolnton, and the Rev. J. S. M'Cutchan & Wm. N. Morrison to examine the Session Books of Fourth Creek & Franklin.

On motion, the name of the church of Franklin, Macon County, was changed to Ebenezer.

Presbytery took a recess till two o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

Col. R. Williamson, a Ruling Elder of the church of Rim's Creek, appeared in Presbytery & took his seat.

The Ruling Elder from the church of Ebenezer presented a request from said church for the ordination of Mr John E. M'Pherson, a licentiate of this Presby. now laboring among them. After due consideration, it was, on motion, Resolved, that measures be taken at this time for the ordination of Mr M'Pherson, as an Evangelist. Whereupon, Presbytery proceeded to the examination of the Candidate, as directed in our Form of Government; The 27th v. of the 10th ch. of the Gospel by the Evangelist John was assigned to Mr

M'M'Pherson as a subject for a trial sermon, previous to ordination.

The Rev. A. L. Watts appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for tardiness, which were sustained.

Mr George Alexander, a Ruling Elder from the church of Swannanoa, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to examine the Sessional records of the churches of New Hope and Lincolnton reported and recommended their approval.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Asheville, August 27th nine o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met agreably to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of the preceding Sessions were read. The examination of Mr John E. M'Pherson was resumed; when having been examined on experimental religion, Literature, Ecclesiastical History, Theology and Church Government, his examination was thus far unanimously sustained.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported, and their report was accepted & adopted, and it is as follows, viz.

Singing and prayer ---- by the Moderator.
An address ---- by Rev. A. L. Watts
Reading the Scriptures ---by Rev. J. M. Wilson
Prayer, singing & the benediction ---by Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

Resolved, that Mr John E. M'Pherson, at two o'clock this afternoon, deliver before Presbytery the sermon assigned him as part of trial, previous to ordination.

It was on motion, Resolved, that when Presby. adjourn from this place, it will adjourn to meet at Prospect Church on the Tuesday preceding the next

meeting of the Synod of N. C. at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery took a recess till 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess Presbytery met and heard the trial sermon of Mr. M. McPherson on the subject assigned him; which sermon was sustained as part of trial.

All the parts of trial were then approved; and Presbytery resolved to proceed this evening, at early candle light, to the ordination of Mr. John E. McPherson. The Rev. E. F. Rockwell was appointed to preach the sermon; the Moderator to preside & propose the constitutional questions; the Rev. J. M. Wilson to offer the ordaining prayer; and the Rev. A. L. Watts to deliver the charge to the Evangelist.

At three o'clock P. M. the Presbytery engaged in the devotional exercises, as previously arranged. After which, it was resolved that the Rev. A. L. Watts and Wm. N. Morrison be a Committee to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly and report them at the adjourned meeting at Prospect.

Presbytery took a recess till six o'clock, P. M.

After recess, Presbytery met to attend to the ordination of Mr. John E. McPherson. A sermon was delivered by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, from Romans 5: 1. The constitutional questions were then put by the Moderator to the Candidate, and being answered in the affirmative, Mr. John E. McPherson was, by prayer & the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, duly and solemnly ordained to the Holy office of the Gospel Ministry. After which a charge was given to the Evangelist by the Rev. A. L. Watts.

The Rev. John E. McPherson was invited to take his seat as a regular member of this body. The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Prospect Church, on the Tuesday before the next meeting of Synod, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

John M. Wilson — Temp. Clerk.

Prospect Church, N. C.
Tuesday, October 25th, 1842.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A. M. and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. S. McCutchan, the last Moderator present.

Members present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
Revs. John B. Davies.	Messrs. Alexander Patton.
" Walter L. Pharr	Robert Carrigan
" Stephen Frantis	
Henry M. Pharr	James Adams
" Wm. M. Hall	Samuel Marling
" J. Le Roy Davies	James Jamison
" Andrew J. Lockridge	George Andrews
" John S. McCutchan	
" James D. Hall	Joseph Gillaman
" James M. H. Adams	
" John M. Wilson	
" Wm. N. Morrison	
" Frederick K. Nash	
" E. F. Rockwell	

Absent.

Rev. John Robinson, D. D. — John Williamson, Robert H. Morrison, D. D. — Samuel Williamson, Daniel M. Lowrie, — Cyprus Johnston, — A. L. Watts, James E. Morrison, — John M. M. Caldwell, — Angus Johnson, Samuel Murray, — James Kerr, — Daniel Lindsay, — & Thomas L. Johnston.

The minutes of the preceding sessions at Steel Creek & at Asheville were read, and the members absent at those meetings were called upon to give their reasons of absence.

The members of Presbytery were called on to say whether they had complied with the order of Presby. requiring them to spend, in the field appointed them, a certain amount of time in missionary labour. Whereupon it appeared that the order was attended to as far as practicable.

The Rev. H. N. Pharr was added to the Committee, appointed at Asheville, to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly.

The Rev. John A. Gretter, of the Presbytery of Orange being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A request from the church of Little Britain, to ordain, as an Evangelist, Mr Charles R. Smith, a licentiate under our care, was read & placed on the docket.

Presbytery having received the painful intelligence of the death of one of its members, the Rev. John Williamson, it was, on motion, resolved, that the Rev. John B. Davies and Walter L. Pharr be appointed a committee to prepare a minute relative to our deceased brother.

The Rev. Wm A. Hall was ordered to preach, at our next stated meeting, the doctrinal sermon which he was to deliver at Asheville.

The Rev. J. B. Davies was directed to inform the Librarian of our Depository for the books of our Board of Publication, of the late order of Presbytery, requiring him to report, in writing, the state of the Depository, at the next meeting of Presbytery.

The members of Presbytery were called upon to say whether they had observed in their congregations the day of fasting & prayer appointed at our last Spring. Sessions. Whereupon it appeared that the day was generally observed.

Presbytery took a recess of 20 minutes.

Presbytery met after recess.

The Rev. T. K. Nash obtained leave of absence for the remaining part of this day.

The Committees appointed to install the Rev. A. L. Wallace as Pastor of the church of Steel Creek, and of the church of Pleasant Hill, — respectively reported, that they have attended to the duties assigned them; which reports were accepted.

The subject of education was taken up, and the members were called upon to report what they have done to raise funds for that cause. It appearing that very little has been done, — the further consideration of this subject was deferred till Presbytery meets at Poplar Tent during the Sessions of Synod.

The Rev. A. Y. Lockridge obtained leave of absence till the meeting of Presbytery at Poplar Tent.

Mr Walter W. Pharr, a candidate under our care, being present, and desirous to apply for licensure, it was resolved, that Presbytery now hear some of Mr Pharr's exercises appointed him for trial. Whereupon Mr Pharr read before Presbytery a lecture on Hebrews 1: 1—3. and a critical exercise from Romans 3: 21—26.

It was on motion resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at the church of Providence on the second Wednesday in April next, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Adjourned to meet this evening at the house of Mr Wm C. Johnston, at candle lighting.

Concluded with prayer.

At Mr Wm C. Johnston's, half past 6 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Resolved, that the name of Mr Wm C. Johnston be substituted in the place of Mr James Jamieson, as the Ruling Elder from the church of Prospect.

Presbytery resumed the examination of Mr Pharr, who read a Latin exegesis on the question

"An Christus pro omnibus et singulis hominibus "universaliter meritus sit, an pro electis tantum?"

Mr. Pharr was then examined on the Latin & Greek languages, on Theology, Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

The Stated Clerk read the annual Presbytery report to the Synod of North Carolina, which was accepted & approved, and ordered to be spread on the minutes of Presbytery.

The Rev. W. N. Pharr, E. F. Rockwell, and J. M. H. Adams were appointed a committee to report, as soon as practicable, on the request of the Session of the church of Little Britain.

The Rev. J. B. Davies was unanimously elected Treasurer of Presbytery, in the place of the Rev. John Williamson deceased.

The Rev. J. Le Roy Davies & Samuel Williamson were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of our late Treasurer and transfer the funds and papers to the new Treasurer.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Poplar Tent, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer.

Poplar Tent Church, N.C.
Thursday, October 27th, 1842.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revs. John B. Davies	Messrs. Matthew M'Call.
" Walter S. Pharr	Wm. C. Johnston.
" R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Abner Alexander

" Stephen Frontis	James Sillimans.
" Henry N. Pharr	Samuel Caldwell
" Daniel A. Penick	James Adams
" Wm. A. Hall	David Johnston
" J. Le Roy Davies	& Angus M'Gougan.
" John L. M'Culloch	
" James E. Morrison	
" James D. Hall	
" James M. H. Adams	
" John M. Wilson	
" Wm. N. Morrison	
" E. F. Rockwell	

Mr John L. M'Ivor, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, presented a dismission from said Presbytery, as a licentiate in good standing, to be received under our care; whereupon, resolved, that Mr John L. M'Ivor be received as a licentiate under our care.

Mr Walter W. Pharr delivered before Presbytery his popular sermon, from 1st Peter 2:21.

The Rev. Dr Morrison, J. M. H. Adams, J. M. Wilson, E. F. Rockwell, & J. Le Roy Davies were appointed a committee to finish the examination of Mr Pharr this evening, at candle light.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock, to morrow morning. Concluded with prayer.

Poplar Tent Church, October 28th, 1842.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported, and the report was re-committed, to be brought up, in a written form, at our next Spring Sessions.

Resolved, that each member of Presbytery pay now, or as soon as possible, $10,00 into the hands of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education.

The Rev. Stephen Frantis was appointed a Trustee of Davidson College, in the place of the Rev. John Williamson deceased.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was presented to Presbytery, proposing that the President of the College be ex-officio a member of the Board. It was resolved, that this proposition lie over for consideration, according to the Constitution of the College.

The two offices of Treasurer & Librarian of our Depository of the books of the Board of Publication, were merged into one, in the person of the Rev. J.B. Davis.

The committee appointed to examine Mr W.W. Pharr reported and recommended that his examination be sustained. Whereupon, resolved, that the examination of Mr W.W. Pharr, on all the parts of trial, be sustained.

Resolved, that Presbytery now proceed to license Mr Walter W. Pharr.

The Moderator proposed to the Candidate the constitutional questions, according to our form of Government, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr W.W. Pharr was licensed to preach the everlasting Gospel; and the following minute made of his licensure, — viz. —

At Poplar Tent Church, the 28th day of October 1842, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr Walter W. Pharr, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in

divinity & other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, & hereby do, license him, the said Walter W. Pharr, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Resolved, that Presbytery approve of the overture made to Synod by the Rev. John Witherspoon, D.D. respecting Davidson College, the object of which is to enlist the whole Synod in the support of that Institution.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Same day, 2 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Whereas at the meeting of this Presbytery, at Steel Creek Church, March 30th, 1842, an adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held at Unity Church, Lincoln County, to hear the reasons of the church of Unity, why the pastoral relation of the Rev. Frederick K. Nash with that church should not be dissolved agreably to his request, — and whereas it appears that, for various reasons, Presbytery did not meet at the time & place appointed, — and whereas the Rev. Frederick K. Nash has again renewed his request to Presbytery, and a commission from that church signifies their consent, that the request of Mr Nash should be granted, — therefore, Resolved, that the pastoral connection existing between the Rev. Frederick K. Nash and the church of Unity, Lincoln County, be now dissolved, and the said church declared vacant.

The Committee, on the request of the Session of the church of Little Britain, for the ordination sine-titulo of Mr Charles R. Smith, reported — that the request do not grant, as the petitioners do not appear prepared to give the Licentiate a call. The report was accepted and adopted.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Providence Church, on the second Wednesday in April next, at eleven o'clock, A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Stephen Frantis ..... Stated Clerk.

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Copy of the Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Synod of North Carolina, presented at Poplar Tent Church, October 27th, 1842.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North-Carolina, that they consist of twenty-eight members, and have under their care fifty-two churches, two licentiates, and five candidates. —— That on the 19th day of October, 1841, they lost, by death, the Rev. Alexander E. Wilson, M.D. Missionary at Cape Palmas, Africa; —— that on the 19th day of November, 1841, they received under their care Mr. E. F. Rockwell, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, —— that on the 15th day of December, 1841, they ordained the Rev. E. F. Rockwell to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Congregation of Fourth-Creek; —— that on the 30th day of March, 1842, they received, as a member of this Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Bethel, the Rev. John B. Davies; —— that on the 1st day of April, 1842, they dismissed the Rev. James D. McPherson, to join the Presbytery of Harmony; —— that on the 2d day of April, 1842, they installed the Rev. A. L. Watts, pastor of the Congregation of Third-Creek; and on the 14th day of May, 1842, they installed him also Pastor of the Congregation of Pleasant-Hill; —— that on the 27th day of August, 1842, they ordained the Rev. John E. McPherson, since — titulo, to the work of the Gospel Ministry; —— that on the 15th day of September, 1842, they lost, by death, the Rev. John Williamson; —— and that on the 27th day of October, 1842, they received under their care Mr. John L. M'Inn, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

By order of the Presbytery,

Stephen Frantis Stated Clerk

Providence Church, N. C.
April 12th 1843.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock, A. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. James Kerr, the last Moderator present, from 2d Cor. 5th ch. 20th v. first clause.

After a recess of half an hour, Presbytery met and was constituted with prayer.

Members present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Revs. John B. Davies	Messrs. Alexander B. Patton
" Walter L. Pharr	
" Stephen Frantis	Michael Brown
" Henry N. Pharr	
" Daniel A. Penick	John S. McClosky
" Cyrus Johnston	James Matthews
" J. S. McCutchan	Robert M. Alexander
" A. L. Watts	David Cunningham
" James E. Morrison	John F. Phifer
" James D. Hall	James Gillespie
" James M. H. Adams	Matthew L. Steel
" John M. M. Caldwell	Dr. D. F. Caldwell
" Angus Johnson	Thomas O. Black
" John M. Wilson	William King
" James Kerr	Isaac Erwin
" E. F. Rockwell	Robert D. Alexander
" John E. McPherson	David Johnston

Absent

Rev. John Robinson, D.D. Robert H. Morrison, D.D. Samuel Williamson; Wm. A. Hall, J. La Roy Davies, Andrew J. Lackridge, Wm. N. Morrison, F. K. Nash; Lemuel Murray; David Lindley; and Thomas D. Johnston.

The Rev. E. F. Rockwell was elected Moderator; and the Rev. J. S. McCutchan and A. L. Watts Temp. Clerks.

The minutes of the meetings of Presbytery at Asheville, Prospect and Poplar Tent were read, and the absentees called on for their reasons of absence.

The Rev. Mr Grier of the Associate Reformed Church, and the Rev. H. B. Cunninghame of the Presb.y of Harmony, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A letter from the General Assembly's Board of Education was read and referred to the Committee on Education to prepare an answer in connection with their report to Presbytery.

Messrs Cyrus Johnston, A. L. Watts, & Wm King were appointed a Committee on Devotional Exercises.

Messrs J. M. Wilson, D. A. Penick, and J. F. Phifer were appointed a Committee to take notes during the free conversation on the state of religion, and prepare a report for the General Assembly.

Resolved, that in connection with the conversation on the state of religion, the members be required to read their statistical reports to Presbytery.

Ordered, that 9 o'clock, A. M. on to morrow, be the time for said conversation and reports.

Messrs James D. Hall, A. L. Watts, and J. E. M. Pharson were appointed a Committee of supplies and Missionary labours.

Messrs John B. Davies, H. N. Pharr, and Michael Brown were appointed a Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on devotional exercises made the following report: which was accepted and adopted, viz.

That these exercises take place on to morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M. in the following order, — viz.

1st. Singing and prayer, by Rev Walter S. Pharr.
2d. Reading the scriptures, by the Moderator.
3d. Address, by Rev. J. M. Wilson.

4th. Singing, by Rev. H. N. Pharr.
5th. Address, by " J. M. H. Adams.
6th. Prayer and Benediction by " D. A. Penick.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, — when the Rev. James D. Hall, and Mr Michael Brown, Ruling Elder, were elected Principals, and the Rev. James Rowe, and Mr Robert J. McDowell, Ruling Elder, their alternates.

On motion, the roll was called to ascertain how far the order passed at Poplar Tent, respecting the cause of Education, had been complied with; — whereupon, resolved, that the order, for each member to pay ten dollars to the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, be continued until all the members shall have complied with the same.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Providence, April 13th. 1843.
half past eight o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The Rev. Samuel Williamson appeared in Presbytery and gave reasons for late attendance.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, — viz. the free conversation on the state of religion; and receiving the statistical reports of the churches.

The Committee appointed at Prospect, to audit the accounts of our late Treasurer & transfer the funds and papers to the new Treasurer, reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them, found the accounts correctly kept, and a balance of $1,60 due from the former Treasurer to

the Commissioners' friend; — which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Presbytery had a recess of ten minutes, to meet in the school house near the church.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Committee appointed, at Prospect, to prepare a minute relative to the death of the Rev. John Williamson reported the following, which was accepted & adopted, — viz. "The Committee appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of our beloved & respected brother, the Rev. John Williamson, cannot pass to the duty assigned them without observing that the present has been a year of more than ordinary mortality among ministers of the gospel. Many of Zion's Watchmen have fallen from her walls since the beginning of the year, and those too who were occupying high places and fields of extensive usefulness. It is one of the inscrutable dispensations of God's Providence towards our race that the wise, the good, and the useful are often removed, while others of a different character remain; not to be a blessing to the church nor to the world. We know not now why these things are so, but we shall know hereafter. ✓

Our deceased brother possessed more than ordinary powers of intellect; his judgment on all the subjects with which he was conversant was correct & uniformly respected by his friends & acquaintances. He was a good counsellor, and, by many, was often consulted in difficult matters. As a Pastor, he was beloved by his flock and confided in as sound in his doctrine and followed as exemplary in his life. In his labours, as a minister, he was constant, and about as successful as his co-workers and cotemporaries in the Lord's vineyard. He studied the unity, at the same time that he laboured for the purity

and increase of the churches over which the Holy Ghost had made him Overseer.

As a member of our Church Judicatories, his brethren, who were intimate with him, held him in high estimation. Indeed, his worth in every respect was only known to those who were frequently conversant or intimately acquainted with him. In the building up and management of Davidson College, the worth of our deceased brother was more developed than it had previously been to the Community. To that Institution he was a decided and devoted friend; many are the witnesses of his labours & prayers for its welfare; and in his death it has lost a good counsellor.

The death of our brother was peaceful; in it was verified the declaration of scripture: "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright! for the end of that man is peace." Aware of the approach of death, he was, in the prospect, calm & resigned. To many, who surrounded him, he gave evidence of support & consolation. To one who visited him the same evening on which he finished his course, he remarked: "I have attachments to this world, — a wife and little children; but I had rather be absent from the body and present with the Lord." Thus died our brother, in the strong and unshaken hope of a glorious and happy immortality. Let us "be followers of those who by faith and patience inherit the promises."

Signed John B. Davis
Walter S. Pharr } Committee

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly reported; which report was accepted and taken up seriatim, for consideration; when it was amended and adopted as follows, — viz.

The Committee, appointed on the minutes of the General Assembly, present the following

items, as calling the attention of Presbytery, — viz.

1st. Two resolutions of the Assembly, on the subject of the support of aged and destitute ministers and their destitute families. (See page 16th of the Asp.'s minutes)

As this subject is of great importance, both to the honour of religion and to the comfort of those contemplated in the resolutions; and as it is addressed, by the highest judicatory of our church, to the consideration and left to the discretion of Presbyteries, to act in the premises according to their best judgment, — therefore, Resolved, ——

1st. That Presbytery now inquire if there are any, and, if any, what number of aged and destitute ministers, or destitute widows & orphans of ministers there are in its bounds.

2d. That a Committee be now appointed to consider and report on the subject of supporting these servants & children of the church; and, if practicable, a plan for the support of such as are now, or may hereafter become dependent upon the church's bounty.

II.d. On the subject of supplies for vacant churches, and unemployed ministers. (See page 21. of the Asp's minutes)

Your Committee offer the following resolution, — viz. —

Resolved, that the Executive Committee on Missions of this Presbytery, report to the Executive Committee of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Gen. Asp. the names and location of our vacant churches, and that they co-operate with that Committee in supplying these churches as fast and as far as practicable.

III.d. On the subject of Foreign Missions. (See page 25th of the Assembly's printed minutes) Your Committee submit the following resolutions, — viz. —

Resolved, 1st. that in addition to the arrangements heretofore entered into by this Presbytery, to secure proper attention to, and efficient action in the cause of Foreign Missions, — the 1st Sabbath of January

be annually observed by our churches as a day of prayer and giving instruction on this subject, and a collection taken up to aid more effectually the Gen. Asp's Board of Foreign Missions in their noble effort to raise annually for this cause the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Resolved 2d. that we recommend to the attention and patronage of our churches "The Foreign Missionary," a monthly publication of the Board, containing select information on the subject of Foreign Missions, and offered to subscribers at 12½ cents for one copy.

IV.th. On the subject of hasty ordinations and unauthorized demission of the sacred office. (See pages 28 & 29 of the Assembly's printed minutes) Your Committee submit the following resolution, —— viz. —

Resolved, that the principles inculcated in the first seven of this series of ten resolutions, adopted by the Gen. Asp. at its last sessions, are the principles upon which this Presbytery has heretofore acted with almost undeviating uniformity.

As to the Section proposed to be added to the 15th ch. of our Form of Government, and found in the 10th resolution of the report above referred to, your Committee submit the following resolution, — viz. —

Resolved, unanimously, as the opinion of this Presbytery, that the said section ought not to be added to our Form of Government.

All which is respectfully submitted

by the Committee ..... H. N. L. Shaw.

A. L. Wells

Messrs. Stephen Frontis, J. M. H. Adams, and Michael Brown were appointed the Committee on the subject of infirm ministers and destitute widows and orphans of ministers, as contemplated in the first item of the report of the Committee on the ministry of the General Assembly.

Presbytery had a recess of three quarters of an hour, to meet in the church.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Rev. Angus Johnson obtained leave of absence till to morrow morning.

The time and place for the next stated meeting of Presbytery was taken up. When it was ——

Resolved, that the next stated sessions of Presbytery be held at Little Britain Church, Bullthorpford County, to commence on the Thursday before the first Sabbath of September next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery engaged in devotional exercises, appointed as the order of the day, at this time. After which, the Rev. James A. W. Foreman presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Hopewell, and of recommendation to this Presbytery, as a member in good standing. Mr. Foreman was then examined on various points of theology, and the examination being satisfactory it was, on motion, resolved, that he be received as a member of this Presbytery.

The Rev. Wm. A. Hall, who has been appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon, at this time, being absent, and his alternate also, it was resolved, that Mr Wm. A. Hall be continued as the preacher of the doctrinal sermon, at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and Mr A. J. Lockridge as his alternate.

The President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College presented the annual report of said Board to Presbytery, which was accepted, and is as follows, —— viz.

Davidson College, April 12th, 1843.

Dear Brethren.

The Trustees of Davidson College beg leave to report to the Presbyteries under

whose auspices it has been established, and through them to the community at large, — that our prospects in regard to this Institution begin to brighten. It appears to be gaining the favor and confidence of the surrounding community and attracting the attention and patronage of the more distant sections of our Country. The applications by young men, for admission into College at the present Session, have been considerable. Above twenty have been enrolled already, and more are expected. Those who left us, at the close of the last Session, with the exception of two or three, have all returned. This makes our present number to be twenty four. Our Institution has had to struggle with no inconsiderable difficulties. A debt has been incurred, which, in the present pecuniary embarrassment, is found to be difficult to discharge. To meet this debt a proportion of the lands of the Institution has been sold. Yet when the proceeds of the sale of the said lands are collected and paid away, there will still remain due from the Board about sixteen hundred dollars. In addition to this sum there is due to the Professors about twenty three hundred dollars. Towards the discharge of the first sum there is an unknown amount of old subscriptions yet to be collected; and to discharge the latter there is the interest on subscriptions taken to endow Professorships. How much of this can be collected is somewhat problematical. The Board have however adopted measures to collect as speedily as possible these subscriptions and the interest due, and as fast as we can to pay off our debts. But let this be accomplished, and still at our present number of students, the tuition fees will fall short of meeting the salaries of our present Instructors. To do this it will require one hundred.

A Tutor, to attend to those students who are in

the preparatory department, is much needed. The want of such an assistant throws a very heavy burden on the regular Professors; hence results the necessity of making without delay efforts to enable the Board to employ a suitable person to perform that duty.

May your Institution be blessed of God, and become a blessing to our Country at large, and send forth many whose instrumentality in the hand of God shall make glad our Zion.

In behalf of the Committee
J. B. Davies Chairman

The President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College reported that the following members of the Board go out of office at this time,— viz.— Messrs Thomas Robinson, Drs G. Stinson, Thomas L. Cowan, R. H. Morrison, D.D. Stephen Frontis, Drs J. W. Ross, A. L. Watts, S. W. Davidson, and Walter S. Pharr.

Messrs Frontis and King were appointed a Committee to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board.

The Committee on supplies and Missionary labours presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, —— viz. ——

Ordered, that the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell, A. L. Watts, Cyrus Johnston, and Angus Johnson, go to —— the Counties of Anson and Montgomery.
Rev. A. Y. Lockridge, and J. M. H. Adams— to —— the Counties of Surry and Wilkes.
Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. Walter S. Pharr & James Rae, to the Counties of Burke and Caldwell.
Rev. J. B. Davies, J. LeRoy Davies, Leonard Murray, & C. B. Smith, to the Counties of Rutherford and Cleveland.

Rev. Henry N. Pharr, J. M. Wilson, and Wm N. Morrison, to the Counties of Buncombe and Yancey.
Rev. Wm A. Hall, and James E. Morrison, to the Counties of Haywood and Henderson.
Rev. Daniel R. Lewis and J. F. W. Freeman, to the County of Macon.
Rev. James D. Hall, and E. F. Rockwell, to the County of Ashe.
Rev. John E. McPherson, and Walter W. Pharr, to the County of Cherokee.
The time of all these to be at discretion.
Rev. John Robinson, D.D. Samuel Williamson & Stephen Frontis, as to field and time be at discretion.
Rev. James Rae to administer the Lord's Supper at Siloam.

Signed James D. Hall
A. L. Watts } Committee
J. E. McPherson

The Committee appointed to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, reported the following persons to serve for four years,— viz. Messrs Thomas Robinson, Drs G. Stinson, D. A. Davis, R. H. Morrison, D.D. Stephen Frontis, Drs J. W. Ross, A. L. Watts, Drs D. F. Caldwell, and Walter S. Pharr— which nomination was adopted.

Mr A. Graham, a Ruling Elder from the church in Charlotte, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at eleven o'clock, to hold a meeting in behalf of the cause of Education.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at half past eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Providence, April 14th. 1843.
half past eight o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Mr. Frantis, our Commissioner to the last Gen. Assembly, reported that he had attended to the duties assigned him.

Presbytery took up the communication from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, presented at Poplar Tent, and proposing that the constitution of the College be so altered that the President of the College be ex-officio a member of the Board of Trustees; — when it was resolved, that Presbytery does not approve of the proposed alteration.

The Rev. James McKee of East Alabama Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A series of resolutions, passed by the Presbytery of Fayetteville, expressive of their determination to co-operate with the Presbyteries of Concord and Bethel in building up Davidson College, was presented by the Board of Trustees, which was read, and is as follows, — viz.

Extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

Sixtieth sessions of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Shiloh Church, Friday, March 24th, 1843.

Presbytery having been informed that the Trustees of Davidson College have invited the co-operation of this Presbytery in building up that institution, it was agreed that the consideration of this subject be made the order of the day, for to morrow at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Saturday, March 25th, 1843.

Agreeably to the order of the day, Presbytery entered on the consideration of the invitation received from the Trustees of Davidson College, to co-operate with them in the management of that Institution. On this subject sundry documents, having reference to the character and prospects of Davidson College, were read, and the Rev. Albertus L. Watts, an accredited representative of the Trustees of that Institution, was heard in illustration of various matters, important to be known, in relation to the subject under consideration. After some deliberation and inquiry, the following preamble & resolutions were unanimously adopted: viz. —

Whereas the Trustees of Davidson College have, in a very fraternal and courteous manner, invited the co-operation of this Presbytery, in fostering and building up the important & interesting Literary Institution under their direction; — and whereas, from the information this Presbytery have received, touching said College, its location, course of studies, discipline, & economy, Presbytery are well satisfied that the Institution referred to is, in an eminent degree, adapted to promote the welfare of the rising generation connected with the congregations under our care; — an Institution in which the youthful mind will be trained under the restraints of Christianity, and in which the Bible is recognized as the infallible rule of life; — and whereas this Presbytery consider a christian education as eminently serviceable to the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom: Therefore,

Resolved,

1st. That this Presbytery cordially accept the invitation received from the Trustees of Davidson College, and will cheerfully co-operate with them

in fostering and building up the said Institution.

2d. That Davidson College be, and hereby is, affectionately recommended to the kind offices, the fervent prayers, and the benevolent contributions of all the churches under the care of this Presbytery.

3d. That, in humble dependance on the divine blessing, this Presbytery will make an earnest effort to raise, by subscription, in the several congregations under their care, a sum sufficient to endow a Professorship in the said Institution. ——— Stand ———

4th. That, whenever information shall be received from the said Board, that the way is clear to proceed in the premises, this Presbytery shall appoint twelve of their own number, to be added to the number of the said Trustees, to take part in the management of the said College.

Truly extracted from the 45th, 54th, 55th & 56th pages of the 5th Volume of the minutes of Presbytery.

Colin McIver. Stated Clerk.

In relation to the above resolutions from Fayetteville Presbytery, Messrs. J. Williamson, Walter S. Pharr, and Wm. King — were appointed a Committee to reply to the communication, expressing the gratification of this Presbytery with the action of that of Fayetteville.

On the subject of Domestic Missions the following resolution was adopted, ——viz. —

Resolved, that in view of the present amount of claims upon our Missionary Committee for missionary labor already performed, our inability to meet those claims, and the imperious demands for a continuance of those missionary labors, — the Executive Committee

on Missions be directed to use their best endeavours, by sending forth one of their number as an agent, or otherwise, to secure from our churches, during the Summer, the sum of at least $1000, to be appropriated in liquidating their debts and in keeping, as far as possible, the present missionaries in the field; and report their proceedings to Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare a report on the state of religion within our bounds, to the next General Assembly, presented the following which was accepted and adopted, ——viz.

Report on the state of religion, within the bounds of Concord Presbytery, to the General Assembly.

In taking a survey of the state of the Redeemer's Kingdom within our bounds, we have awakened within us mingled feelings of joy & praise, of sorrow & humiliation. We see a large portion of our Zion in a state of coldness & lethargy, indicating the absence, to a considerable extent, of the Spirit with his quickening & life-giving energies. Few souls are awakened and brought to the hope of heaven through the blood of Christ, and a spirit of worldliness & inattention to eternal things dominates. On the other hand, the aspect, in a few of our churches is cheering to the friends of God. Delightful seasons of refreshing have been experienced; — souls have been awakened and led to the cross, & God's people have been revived. Those instances have been unattended with any thing like extravagance; but accompanied with those concomitants which characterize a genuine work of grace. In these instances we see the ordinary labors of the Pastor owned as the principal means of the Divine blessing, without the aid of any new measures or foreign assistance. — . — — — —

These cases, together with occasional conversions which were reported from nearly all the churches, teach us that God's hand is not shortened, — that his Spirit is still with us; and should encourage us to renewed labour & earnest crying after the general revival of religion. Although the subject of special instruction to the coloured people has not received the full amount of attention which its importance calls for, — yet we rejoice to know that there seems to be an awakening interest on the subject, and that considerable numbers of the children of Africa are from time to time making a credible profession of religion. Catechetical instruction is generally attended to, and so are Bible classes and Sunday schools. The benevolent operations of the church are encouraged and to some extent sustained. The cause of temperance is, in some quarters, highly prosperous; but we are sorry to say that in other parts it is rather on the decline.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. Wilson
D. A. Penick } Committee.
J. F. Phifer

Ordered, that our Treasurer pay the sum of sixty dollars to each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Resolved, that Messrs. S. Frontis, J. Williamson, J. M. H. Adams, & John B. Davies supply the Rev. James D. Hall's pulpit, each one Sabbath, during his absence from his people, to attend the meeting of the General Assembly.

The Rev. Frederick K. Nash appeared in Presbytery, and having given satisfactory reasons for his late attendance, took his seat.

Presbytery had a recess of five minutes.

After recess, Presbytery took up the order of the day, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. Frontis and Penick, in behalf of the cause of education.

Presbytery had a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

Mr. Daniel McIver, a Ruling Elder from the church of Lebanon, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Committee on Education to whom was referred the circular of the General Assembly's Board of Education, reported to Presbytery but in part, owing to the absence of their Treasurer, & were ordered to retain the circular & prepare full & satisfactory answers to the inquiries of the Board, & forward the same to Philadelphia as soon as practicable.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of Presbytery pay our Stated Clerk one dollar & fifty cents to refund him for expenses, in postage & stationary, incurred by him for Presbytery, during the past year.

Resolved, unanimously, that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the Pastor & people of Providence, for their kindness & hospitality to our members, during its present Sessions; and that the Pastor be requested to read this resolution to his people.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and corrected.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Little-Britain Church, Rutherford County, on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in September next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Stephen Frontis. Stated Clerk.

Copy of the Annual Report of Presbyteries

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the General Assembly that

they consist of 29 Ministers, and have under their care 52 churches, 3 Licentiates, 4 Candidates

Ministers, &c.	Churches.	Communicants Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Total of Communicants	Baptized Adults	Baptized Infants	Sums Collected. Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Bible Cause	Sabbath Schools	Common Funds	Contingent Funds	Post-Office.
Rev. John Robinson, D.D. W.C.	Poplar Tent, S.S.			170				$48,	$16,			$5,		Mill-Grove, N.C.
" John B. Davies, S.S.	Bethel, S.S.	4	1	69	1	4						3,	$1,00	Davidson College, N.C.
" Walter L. Pharr, P.	Mallard Creek, P. Ramah, S.S.	11		250		16	$12,	12,	10,			5,	,50	Mill-Grove, N.C.
" Robert H. Morrison, D.D.S.	Unity, S.S.			120										Cottage Home, N.C.
" Samuel Williamson, Pres.	Davidson College, P.	1		18				25,				3,	,50	Davidson College, N.C.
" Stephen Frontis, P.	Salisbury, P.	1		101	1	4	20,	40,	25,			6,	1,00	Salisbury, N.C.
" Cyrus Johnston, P.	Providence & Sharon, P.	20		195	1	14	18,	27,	32,			7,	1,00	Providence, N.C.
" Henry N. Pharr, P.	Concord & Salem, P.	8	1	189	1	8		17,				5,	,50	Statesville, N.C.
" Daniel A. Penick, P.	Rocky-River, P.	12	1	497	1	33	28,	45,	115,			7,	1,00	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
" James Reid, S.S.	Morganton & Drusilla, S.S.	5		120			150,					4,	1,00	Morganton, N.C.
" J. La Roy Davies, P.	Centre & Prospect, P.	21	4	318	4	18	24,	32,	30,			3,	,50	Mount Mourne, N.C.
" Wm. M. Hall, P.	Joppa & Unity, P.			182								5,		Mocksville, N.C.
" Athanatus L. Watts, P.	Steel-Creek & Pleasant Hill, P.	28		231	4	9		32,					,50	Steel-Creek, N.C.
" Andrew J. Lockridge, P.	Back-Creek, P.	4		216		10	25,	30,	10,			5,	1,00	Houston's P.O. N.C.
" Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Wilkesborough, V. Smyrna, V.			8										Port-Natal, Africa.
" John S. M'Cutchan, P.	Goshen & New-Hope, P.	48	1	170	9	19	7,	10,				4,	,75	Statesville, N.C.
" Thomas L. Johnston, F.M.	Olney, V. Duncan's-Creek, V.			95										Forbigend, Western Asia.
" James M.H. Adams, P.	Third-Creek, P.	5		209	2	15	21,	42,	17,			6,		Lewisville, N.C.
" James E. Morrison, P.	Bethpage & Concord Town, P.	15	2	200	3	18	15,	26,	15,				,50	Concord, N.C.
" James D. Hall, P.	Thyatira & Franklin, P.	5		297		20	6,	23,	15,			6,		Salisbury, N.C.
" John M.M. Caldwell, P.	Sugar-Creek, P.	3	2	310		15		47,	4,			7,	,50	Charlotte, N.C.
" Angus Johnson, P.	Philadelphia & Union, P.			300								6,		
" John M. Wilson, P.	Bethany & Tabor, P.	6		200	3	10	15,	30,				6,	1,00	Bethany Church, N.C.
Wm. N. Morrison, S.S.	Rion's-Creek & Swananoe, S.S.			30										Swananoe, N.C.
" James F.W. Freeman, S.S.	Charlotte, S.S.	9	9	58		6		37,				4,		Charlotte, N.C.
" Frederick K. Nash, W.C.	Asheville, V. Siloam, V.			27										
" Samuel Murray, S.S.	Lincolnton & Long-Creek, S.S.			36				23,				10,		Lincolnton, N.C.
" E.F. Rockwell, P.	Fourth-Creek, P.	5	1	94	2	7		25,	8,			4,	,50	Statesville, N.C.
" John E. M'Pherson, P.	Ebenezer, S.S.	10	1	40		1	89,						,50	Franklin, N.C.
John L. M. Irwin, S.S.	Lebanon, S.S.													
Charles R. Smith,	Rutherfordton & Little Britain, P.			110									,50	Shelbyville, N.C.
Walter W. Pharr, S.S.	Hopewell & Paw-Creek, V.	10		210										
Candidates — 4.	Brownsville, V. — 52	231.	23.	5074.	32.	227.	$39,	$571,	$297.			$114,	$2,75	

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Continuation of the preceding Report.

The Presbytery further report, that during the past year they have ordained, sine titulo, the Revd. John E. McPherson, —— that on the 15th. day of September 1842, they lost, by death, the Rev. John Williamson; —— that they have received under their care Mr. John L. Wilson, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville; —— that they have licensed to preach the Gospel Mr. Walter W. Pharr; —— and that they have received the Revd. James F. W. Freeman, from the Presbytery of Hopewell.

Stephen Frontis Stated Clerk.

Salisbury, N. C. May 4th. 1843.

Little Britain Church, N. C.
August 31st. 1843.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment at eleven o'clock, A. M. and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Leonel Murray, the last Moderator present, from Romans 5th ch. 8th v.

After a recess of five minutes, Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Members Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Revd. R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Isaac Cannon
" Stephen Frontis	Thomas Hill
" Cyrus Johnston	David White
" Henry N. Pharr	F. Morrison
" Daniel M. Penick	R. J. McDowell
" James Reid	Winchester Pegram
" J. Le Roy Davies	Ira Parks
" Albertus L. Watts	John Cannon
" John S. McCutchan	James Oates
" James E. Morrison	Samuel R. Bell
" John M. M. Caldwell	Daniel McIver
" John M. Wilson	
" Wm. N. Morrison	
" Frederick K. Nash	
" Leonel Murray	
" John E. McPherson	

Absent.

The Revd. John Robinson, D.D. — John B. Davies; — Walter L. Pharr; — Samuel Williamson; — Wm. A. Hall; — A. Y. Lockridge; — Daniel Lindsley; — Thomas L. Johnston; — James M. H. Adams; — James D Hall, — Angus Johnson — James F. W. Freeman, & E. F. Rockwell.

The Rev.d John E. M.c Pherson was elected Moderator, and the Rev.d John S. M.c Culloch Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the absentees called on for their reason of absence.

The Rev. Philip Pierson, from the Presbytery of Harmony, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery had a recess of half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Rev. H. R. Cunningham presented a certificate of good & regular Standing, as a member of the Presbytery of Harmony and dismission from the same, to unite himself with the Presbytery of Concord.

Whereupon Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Cunningham with a view to his admission; and the examination being satisfactory, he was accordingly received as a member of this Presbytery.

A call from the Congregation of Poplar Tent for the pastoral labours of Mr. Walter W. Pharr, a licentiate under our care, was read, and being found in order was put in the hands of Mr. Pharr.

A Letter was read from the Editor of our Board of Publication, relative to the printing of the minutes of the General Assembly from 1789 to 1842 inclusive. Whereupon Presbytery appointed the Rev. J. Le Roy Davies to ascertain what number of copies would be subscribed by members of Presbytery; who subsequently reported that he had obtained subscriptions for 21 copies of the proposed work. V

Mr. Walter W. Pharr having signified his acceptance of the call from the Congregation of Poplar Tent, the following arrangement was made for his ordination and installation, — viz.

Resolved, 1st. That Presbytery meet at Poplar Tent Church on the second Thursday of October next, at nine o'clock, A. M.

2d. That Mr. W. W. Pharr be directed to prepare a sermon on John 1st ch. 29th v.

3d. That the Rev.d John Robinson, D.D. preside and offer the ordaining prayer.

The Rev. Cyrus Johnston preach the ordination sermon. The Rev. D. A. Penick deliver the charge to the Pastor. And the Rev. J. M. M. Caldwell — the charge to the people.

The Rev. Walter A. Pharr was appointed alternate to Dr. Robinson

Stephen Frontis — alternate to Cyrus Johnston.

Samuel Williamson — alternate to D. A. Penick and Dr. R. H. Morrison — alternate to J. M. M. Caldwell

A letter was received from the Rev. E. F. Rockwell giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

The following committees were appointed, — viz.

1st On devotional exercises; Messrs Watts, Nash & Carson.

2d On Session Books — Messrs C. Johnston & J. Carson on the Sessional records of Concord & Rocky River.

Messrs J. M. M. Caldwell & R. J. M Dowell — on those of New Hope, Swannanoa and Bear's Creek.

Messrs D. A. Penick & J. Cannon, — on those of Lincolnton, Long Creek and Ebenezer.

And Messrs W.m A. Morrison & W. Pegram, — on those of Morganton.

3d On the minutes of the General Assembly, — Messrs J. Le Roy Davies & J. E. Morrison.

Resolved, that the standing rule of Presbytery requiring the Session Books to be examined at the Fall meetings, be repealed; and that hereafter our

churches be required to present their sessional records for examination by the Presbytery, at its Spring sessions.

It was made the order of the day for Saturday at 10 o'clock, A.M. to hear the report of the Committee on Missions; and at 11 o'clock A.M. of the same day, to hold a missionary meeting in the presence of the Congregation.

The following communication from the Session of Sugar Creek Church was received and read;—viz.

August 28th 1843.

The Revd the Presbytery of Concord.

The following preamble & resolutions, adopted by the Session of Sugar Creek Church, are respectfully submitted for your consideration at your next semi-annual meeting.—viz.

Whereas, the first civilized occupants of the soil within your territorial limits were intelligent and decided Presbyterians, who earnestly desired, gratefully enjoyed, and duly appreciated the labours of Presbyterian Ministers, both as Missionaries and Pastors; and not only entertained correct and enlarged views of the rights of man, but acted a memorable part in asserting and achieving the liberties of our Country.——

And, whereas, since your venerable body was organized, it has accomplished much for the interests of sound learning and true piety; which constitute the only true basis of a republican government; therefore——

Resolved, 1st. That the history of the Presbyterian Church, in your bounds, is inseparably connected with the history of religion, letters, and civil liberty in North Carolina; and, if judiciously prepared, would not only be extensively circulated, but subserve important ends.

Resolved, 2d. That such a work cannot be done aright, except by your authority and under your direction; and that it should be done without delay, because the means of accurate information, in reference to many important facts & events, will, in a short time, cease to be available to those by whom it should be undertaken.

Resolved, 3d. That it is our sincere desire and earnest request, that at your next regular sessions, you take such action on the subject as your superior wisdom may direct.

Signed by order of the Session.

John M. M. Caldwell, Moderator

Resolved, that the above paper be referred to a special Committee, consisting of Dr. Morrison, J. M. M. Caldwell, and J. Carson, to report thereon during our present Sessions.

Resolved, that the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies be appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon on the 15th chapter of our Confession of faith, at our next stated meeting, and that Messrs W. A. Hall & A. Y. Lockridge be continued, as before appointed, and be in readiness to preach, at the same time, on the preceding chapters assigned them.

Resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in the town of Concord, commencing on the first Wednesday of April, 1844, at seven o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

September 1st. Friday morning, eight o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday, except the Rev. Mr. L. Watts.

The Revd Mr. L. L. Watts, through a member of Presbytery, presented an apology for retiring without obtaining leave of absence; which apology was not sustained.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported the following arrangement, viz. That these exercises take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the following order, — viz.

1st. Singing and prayer by Mr. H. N. Pharr.
2d. Reading the Scriptures by Mr. Frontis.
3d. Address and prayer by Dr. Morrison.
4th. Singing and address by Mr. Cyrus Johnston.
5th. Apostolic benediction by Mr. D. A. Penick.

A request for the ordination, sine titulo, of Mr. J. L. McIver, a Licentiate under the care of Presbytery, was presented, and, after due discussion, it was resolved, that it be not granted, in as much as the request is informal, and comes from an organized church which should have presented a call for at least a part of the ministerial services of the Licentiate.

The Committee on the communication from the Session of Sugar Creek Church presented a report, which was accepted & adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolutions of the Church of Sugar Creek, in reference to the importance & practicability of preparing a history of the Presbyterian Church within the bounds of the Presbytery of Concord, from the first settlement of this Country to the present time, respectfully report: — — — — — —

The subject presented in these resolutions cannot but be regarded as important by the friends of true religion and civil liberty.

The character of our forefathers, who first settled this section of country, their self-denying & unwearied efforts to procure ministers of the gospel, to organize & sustain churches, to promote education, and to diffuse those principles of self-government essential to the advancement & security of freedom among any people, — cannot but endear their memory to all who love the truth & rejoice in its elevating & saving power. In the Providence of God, one of the fairest portions of North Carolina numbered among its first civilized inhabitants a body of enlightened & pious Presbyterians who consecrated their lives, with exemplary faith & zeal, to the promotion of true religion. By the blessing of God upon their efforts, a decent body of churches was formed, good schools established, & many enlightened & devoted ministers sustained in their labours for the prosperity of the Church. The history of these churches & the labours of these ministers have been identified, from that day to the present time, with the growth of civilization, the diffusion of sound learning, the maintenance of law & order, and the spread of genuine christianity.

When the liberties of this country were invaded beyond the limit of christian endurance, Presbyterian influence was consecrated, with a united and noble testimony, for the first and most magnanimous declaration of Independence made in Mecklenburg County, on the 20th of May, 1775.

From that day to the close of the revolutionary war, the ministers and members of these churches

were surpassed by no class of men in advocating the cause of true liberty, and laying down their lives to secure its triumph.

Could the materials be collected for a faithful history of the Presbyterian Church in North-Carolina, illustrating the influence of her doctrine and order upon the best interests of society, and showing the extended & permanent efficiency of her ministry in building up the church of God, — doubtless much good might thereby be effected.

Therefore, Resolved, 1st. That the ministers of this Presbytery be requested to collect forthwith all the materials in reference to the history of the churches with which they stand connected, and all the facts in relation to the ministers who have preceded them in their fields of labour, and whatever information they may deem important in shewing the rise, progress, and prosperity of the Presbyterian Church; — and report, in writing, the same to Presbytery at its next stated sessions.

Resolved, 2d. That the Synod of North Carolina be respectfully requested to consider the expediency and importance of taking such measures as may secure the collection of materials for the history of the Presbyterian Church in this State, and, if they deem it practicable, to adopt a plan for its preparation.

The Committees on sessional records respectively reported; and their reports were accepted & adopted, and are as follows, — viz. — That the records of Morganton church be approved. That the session book of New Hope

be approved to page 91; — that of Bim's Creek to page 53; that of Swananoe to page 12; that of Concord Church to page 16; that of Rocky River to page 116; and that the session-books of Lincolnton, Long Creek, and Ebenezer be approved with certain exceptions specified in said books.

It was resolved that it be enjoined on the sessions of all our churches to be more punctual hereafter in forwarding their records to Presbytery at the time prescribed for their examination, and that the Pastors & Stated Supplies of our churches inform the sessions of this resolution and urge their compliance with it.

The Committee on Missions presented a report which was accepted & approved.

The following preamble & resolutions were then adopted, ——viz.

Whereas, from the report just read, it appears that only about $300, of the amount contemplated to have been raised, during the Summer, for the cause of Domestic Missions, has been secured, therefore,

Resolved, that the Executive Committee on Missions be earnestly requested to adopt the most energetic measures to carry out the resolution adopted at Providence, by raising during the ecclesiastical year the sum of $1000; and that the Pastors of our churches do vigorously cooperate with the Committee in the accomplishment of that important object.

Messrs. Bell & Hill obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery had a recess till 2 o'clock.

After recess Presbytery met.

The Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented a report which being accepted, was amended & adopted, as follows viz. — The Committee report the following subject requiring the attention of Presbytery, — viz. 1st. Respecting the sanctification of the Sabbath. (see page 174 of the printed minutes.) On this the Committee submit the following resolution, viz. Resolved, that Presbytery enjoin it on all its members & licentiates to preach to each of their churches, on the sanctification of the Sabbath, and that they be especially careful to set, on that subject, a suitable example themselves.

2d. A recommendation to Presbytery to establish depositories sufficiently large to afford a full supply of the books of our Board of Publication to all our churches & ministers who may desire them. (see page 187 of the printed minutes.) The Committee submit, on this subject, the following resolution. viz. Resolved, that it be enjoined on all our Pastors & the Elders of vacant churches to raise funds to be forwarded to the Treasurer of our Depository, that he may, as soon as practicable, enlarge the amount of books on hand; and that on their arrival, such congregations & individuals as may desire it, be allowed to draw books from the Depository to the amount of the funds contributed.

J. Le Roy Davies
James E. Morrison } Committee.

The Presbytery engaged in the devotional exercises appointed as the order of the day; after which Presbytery adjourned, with prayer, to meet on to morrow morning at eight o' clock.

Saturday, September 2d eight o' clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday, except those absent with leave.

It was resolved that each member of Presbytery be required to pay one dollar into the hands of our Treasurer, and that $20, of the amount, be transmitted to the Rev.d D. McNeill Turner, through the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, in payment of our quota to defray the expenses, incurred by him, in attending the Synod of South Carolina & Georgia, as the delegate of the Synod of North Carolina, in the fall of 1839.

Messrs. J. Le Roy Davies, J. M. A. Caldwell, & H. B. Cunningham were appointed to administer the Lord's Supper at Lebanon Church, between this time and the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

It was resolved, that in view of the unitiring efforts made by the Man of sin, to spread his deadly influence over this land; and in view of the progress of the erroneous doctrines of the Oxford Innovations, in Europe and America, it becomes the duty of our ministers, ruling elders, and members to watch & pray, that they be not led away by the error of the wicked, nor fall from their own stedfastness, — and that it be enjoined on our ministers to preach, at least, once, before our Spring Sessions, on the subject of Popish errors, and that the Rev. Stephen Brandon be appointed to preach on the same subject, before Presbytery, at our next stated meeting.

Messrs. Freeman & Cunningham were appointed to attend each one Sabbath at Quay, between this time and our next stated meeting.

(Little Britain.)

Resolved, that the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the people of Little Britain for their kindness & hospitality to its members during the present Sessions.

Presbytery had a recess until the hour appointed for the meeting in behalf of Domestic Missions.

After recess, Presbytery met, and held a meeting in behalf of Domestic Missions, when several addresses were delivered and a collection taken up.

Presbytery had a recess till half past two o'clock.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The Rev. John Witherspoon, D.D. a member of the Presbytery of Orange, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were read and corrected.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Poplar Tent Church, on the second Thursday in October next, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer

Stephen Frontis. Stated Clerk

Synod of N. C. in Session, Raleigh Nov. 4th 1843.
Examined and approved up to page 267. James Phillips Moderator.

Poplar Tent Church, N.C.
Thursday, October 12th 1843.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M. and, in the absence of the Moderator, was constituted with prayer by the Rev.d John Robinson, D.D.

Members present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
The Rev.d John Robinson, D.D.	Mess.rs Tyson Cannon
" John B. Davis	Joseph Rose
" Samuel Williamson	R. D. Alexander
" Daniel A. Penick	
" Cyrus Johnston	
" A. L. Watts	
" John M. M. Caldwell	
" H. B. Cunningham	

Absent. Rev.d Walter S. Pharr; — R. H. Morrison, D.D. — Stephen Frontis; — Henry N. Pharr; — James Reid; — J. LeRoy Davis; — Wm A. Hall; — A. Y. Lockridge; — Daniel Lindsly; — John S. M.Culloch; Thomas L. Johnston; — James M. H. Adams; — James E. Morrison; — James D. Hall; — Angus Johnson; — John M. Wilson; — Wm N. Morrison; — James F. W. Freeman; — Frederick K. Nash; — Samuel Murray; — E. F. Rockwell; & John E. M.Pherson.

The Rev.d D. A. Penick was chosen Moderator, and the Rev.d John M. M. Caldwell Temporary Clerk.

The Presbytery proceeded to hear a popular sermon from Mr. Robert N. Davis, a candidate under our care; as a part of trial for licensure.

Presbytery took a recess for 20 minutes. After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to examine Mr. Walter W. Shaw, with a view to his ordination. The examination was after a while arrested and deferred till to morrow morning.

A communication from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was received, suggesting the propriety of requesting the Presbytery of Fayetteville to proceed to the election of three Trustees for Davidson College, at its next regular Spring Sessions. Whereupon, it was Resolved, that the Presbytery of Fayetteville be, and it hereby is, invited to elect three Trustees for Davidson College, at their next regular Spring Sessions.

Presbytery then heard a sermon from Mr. D. McNeely, another candidate under our care, on the subject assigned him, as a part of trial for licensure.

A Latin Exegesis, from each of the candidates, was read, and committed to Messrs Cyrus Johnston and John M. McCaskill for examination.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the house of the Revd. John Robinson, at six o'clock this evening.

Concluded with prayer.

At Dr. Robinson's 6 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

Mr. D. McNeely was examined on the classics, the arts and sciences; and in connection with Mr. Robert N. Davis they were both examined on Theology and the Sacraments.

The examination was then suspended till to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning at nine o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, October 13th. 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Latin Exegeses of the Candidates for licensure, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommended that said Exegeses be sustained as parts of trial; which report was adopted.

Mr. Richard E. Sherrill was presented to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry and was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion and his motives for seeking the holy ministry. His examination being satisfactory he was received as a candidate under our care.

The following subjects were assigned him, as parts of trial; — viz. For a Latin Exegesis: —— "An Spiritus Sanctus Deus verus sit?"

For a critical exercise: ... Acts 3: 19 — 21.

For a lecture: ..... Romans 5: 12 — 19.

For a popular sermon: ---- Romans 8: 2.

Presbytery heard a lecture from each of the Candidates for licensure, on the subjects assigned them as parts of trial.

A sermon preparatory to ordination was heard from Mr Walter W. Pharr, on the text assigned him. The examination of Mr Pharr and of the Candidates for licensure was then resumed and completed.

Mr C. R. Caldwell was presented to Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined as to his acquaintance with experimental religion and his motives for seeking the holy ministry. His examination having been sustained, he was received as a candidate under our care.

All the parts of trial preparatory to the ordination of Mr Walter W. Pharr were sustained; and also all the parts of trial of the candidates for licensure.

Presbytery proceeded to hear an ordination sermon from the Revd Cyprus Johnston. The constitutional questions were then put by the Moderator to the Candidate and to the Congregation, and being answered in the affirmative, Mr Walter W. Pharr was by prayer, offered by the Revd John Robinson, D. D. and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, duly and solemnly ordained to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed pastor of Poplar Tent Church. After which a charge was delivered to the Pastor by the Revd D. A. Penick, and a charge to the Congregation by the Revd John M. M. Caldwell.

The Revd Walter W. Pharr was invited to take his seat as a regular member of Presbytery, and had his name enrolled accordingly.

Presbytery proceeded to license Mr Robert N. Davis and Mr O. D. M. Neely to preach

the gospel. The Moderator proposed to the Candidates the constitutional questions, according to our Form of Government, which being answered in the affirmative Mr Robert N. Davis and Mr O. D. M. Neely were licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and the following minute made of their licensures — viz.

"At Poplar Tent Church, the 13th day of October, 1843, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of Mr Robert N. Davis and Mr O. D. M. Neely, of their having gone through a regular course of literature; of their good moral character; and of their being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensures; and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license them, the said Robert N. Davis and O. D. M. Neely, to preach the gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

The Revd Samuel B. O. Wilson presented a certificate of good and regular standing as a member of the Presbytery of Bethel, and of his dismission from the same to unite himself with the Presbytery of Concord. Whereupon Presbytery examined Mr Wilson, with a view to his admission, and the examination

being approved, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in the city of Raleigh, during the approaching sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer.

J. M. M. Caldwell Temp. Clerk.

Copy of the Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Synod of North Carolina; presented at its Sessions in Raleigh, November 3d. 1843.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of thirty-two members; and have under their care fifty-two churches, four Licentiates and four candidates. That on the 28th day of October, 1842, they licensed, to preach the Gospel, Mr. Walter W. Pharr; — that on the 13th day of April, 1843, they received as a member of their Presbytery, the Rev. James F. W. Freeman, from the Presbytery of Hopewell; — that on the 31st day of August, 1843, they received as a member of their Presbytery, the Rev. H. B. Cunningham, from the Presbytery of Harmony; — that on the 13th day of October, 1843, they ordained Mr. Walter W. Pharr to the whole work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Congregation of Poplar Tent; — that on the same day they licensed to preach the gospel — Mr. Robert N. Davis and Mr. O. D. McNeely; — and that on the same day they received, as a member of their Presbytery, the Rev. J. B. O. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Bethel.

By order of the Presbytery,

Stephen Frontis Stated Clerk.

Raleigh, N. C. Friday, November 3d. 1843. one o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at the call of the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, the last Moderator present, and was constituted with prayer.

Members present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elder
The Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Mr. Samuel Marlin.
" D. A. Penick	
" A. L. Watts	
" James M. H. Adams	
" James D. Hall	
" John M. M. Caldwell	
" H. B. Cunningham	
" E. F. Rockwell	
" Walter W. Pharr.	

The Rev. James M. H. Adams was appointed Temp. Clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint parts of trial for Mr. Archibald Neely, a Candidate under our care. The following subjects were assigned him; —— viz:

1st. For an Exegesis: "An conditione anima humana propagande sit?"

2d. For a popular sermon: ... Romans 3: 26.

3d. For a critical exercise: ... Hebrews 6: 4—6.

4th. For a Lecture: .... The 23d. Psalm.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess, Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator; and being informed that Mr. Robert N. Davis, one of our Licentiates,

desired the counsel of this Presbytery, as to his field of labour; it was, on motion, Resolved, that Mr. Davis be recommended to labour in the church of Olney, and also at Shelbyville, or elsewhere in the County of Cleaveland. And should there be a lack of funds to support Mr. Davis with what may be contributed by the people of that region, and what aid the Committee of Missions may be enabled to advance; that said Committee make application for assistance from the General Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the Town of Concord, on the first Wednesday in April, 1844, at seven o'clock, P.M.

Concluded with prayer.

J. M. H. Adams ... Temp. Clerk.

Concord Town, N. C. April 3d; 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian church, at seven o'clock, P. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, the last Moderator present, from 1st Timothy 4th ch. 15th v.

After sermon, the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

Members present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
Rev. Walter S. Pharr	
" R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Mr. Isaac Nixon
" Stephen Frontis	
" Cyrus Johnston	
" Daniel A. Penick.	James McNeely
" James Reav	
" Wm. A. Hall	John W. Furmitine
" Athanius L. Watts	John H. McDowell
" A. Y. Lackridge	Ebenezer McNeely
" John S. McCutchan	Jacob Snider
" James E. Morrison	
" James D. Hall	John McCulloch
" John M. M. Caldwell	Samuel Caldwell
" James F. W. Freeman	Alexander Graham
" Leonard Murray	Hugh M. Henderson
" H. B. Cunningham	David Henry
" E. F. Rockwell	James Montgomery
" Walter W. Pharr	Robert Caldwell.

Absent: — Rev. John B. Davies; — Samuel Williamson; — Henry N. Pharr; — J. Le Roy Davies; — Daniel Lindley; — Thomas L. Johnston; — James M. H. Adams; —

" Angus Johnson; — John M. Wilson; ——
" Wm. N. Morrison; — Frederick K. Nash; —
" John E. McLhenan; & Samuel B. O. Wilson.

The Revd James F. W. Freeman was appointed Moderator, and the Revd Lemuel Murray Temp. Clerk.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning at half past eight o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, April 4th, 1844.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, at half past eight o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

Members present as on last evening.

The minutes of last evening, and of the preceding meetings of Presbytery at Little Britain, Poplar Tent and Raleigh were read; and the absentees called on for their reasons of absence.

Mr C. R. Smith, a Licentiate under our care, having, by letter, requested to be dismissed from this Presbytery, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia; it was Resolved that this request be granted, and that Mr C. R. Smith be, and he hereby is, at his own request, dismissed from this Presbytery; and affectionately recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Georgia, as a Licentiate in good standing.

A letter was received from the Revd John E. McLhenan, assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

The churches of Hopewell and Paw-Creek presented each a call for one half of the pastoral labors of the Revd H. R. Cunningham; which, being found in order, were put into his hands.

Messrs J. S. McCutchan, J. E. Morrison, and Robert Caldwell, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of Presbytery, and also for the preaching of the doctrinal sermons and of the sermon on prayer, assigned at our last stated meeting. This Committee subsequently reported that the Revd W. A. Hall preach his doctrinal sermon on Friday morning at eleven o'clock, and the Revd Stephen Frantis preach his sermon on prayer on Saturday morning at the same hour. That the religious exercises of Presbytery be made the order of the day for to morrow at two o'clock, P. M. to take place in the following manner, viz.

1st. Singing and prayer ..... by the Revd Cyrus Johnston.
2d. Reading the scriptures ..... by the Revd James D. Hall.
3d. An address ..... by the Revd R. H. Morrison, D. D.
4th. Singing and prayer ..... by the Revd D. A. Penick.
5th. The Benediction ..... by the Moderator.

The Revd J. Le Roy Davies appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Mr John L. Phifer, a Ruling Elder from Rocky River church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

A communication was received from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, relative to Davidson College; which was referred to the Board of Trustees of said College.

A letter was received from the Revd Angus Johnson; assigning reasons for his absence from the present and some preceding meetings of Presbytery; asking for a dissolution of the pastoral connection between him and the Congregation of Philadelphia; and a dismission from this Presbytery, to connect

himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; which was laid on the table for the present.

A letter from the General Assembly's Board of Education was read, relative to the great importance of requiring a high standard of qualification, on the part of the candidates for the Ministry who are to be educated by the public funds of the church. Whereupon, Resolved, 1st. That the Presbytery cordially approve of the sentiments and spirit of this solemn appeal of the Board of Education, upon a subject of vital interest to the churches.

2d. Resolved, that this Presbytery will endeavour to act in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly's Board of Education; and now refer this letter to our Executive Committee of Education, as containing directions worthy of solemn regard.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator immediately after sermon.

At the call of the Moderator the Presbytery met and took another recess till half past two o'clock.

Half past two o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met.

The Rev. H. B. Cunningham signified his acceptance of the calls placed in his hands, from the churches of Hopewell and Paw Creek. Whereupon, the following arrangements were made for his installation; ——viz. 1st. That on the Saturday before the second Sabbath in May the Rev. H. B. Cunningham be installed pastor of the church of Paw Creek; — that the Rev. James E. Morrison preside and propose the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the Pastor; and that the Rev. A. L. Watts be his alternate; — that the Rev.

John M. M. Caldwell give the charge to the people, and the Rev. James F. W. Foreman be his alternate. 2d. That on the Saturday before the third Sabbath in May the Rev. H. B. Cunningham be installed pastor of the church of Hopewell; — that the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. preside and propose the constitutional questions and deliver the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Walter S. Pharr be his alternate; — that the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson deliver the charge to the people, and the Rev. John B. Davies be his alternate.

Mr. George M. Gibbs, a licentiate of the Presby. of Fayetteville, presented a dismission from that Presbytery as a licentiate in good standing, to be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Concord. Whereupon, Resolved, that Mr. George M. Gibbs be received as a licentiate under our care.

Mr. Robert Carrigan, a Ruling Elder from the church of Ramah, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Rev. John M. Wilson appeared in Presby. and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Messrs. D. A. Penick and H. B. Cunningham were appointed a Committee to prepare for the General Assembly the narrative on the state of religion within our bounds.

Messrs. Johnston, Watts and McDowell were appointed a Committee of supplies and missionary labors.

The following Committees were appointed on sessional records, —— viz.

1st. Messrs. J. Le Roy Davies, James D. Hall, and David Harry, — to examine the records of Siloam, Sugar Creek, Poplar Tent, and Fourth Creek.

2d Messrs J. S. M.Culloch, Walter S. Pharr, and Alexander Graham, to examine the records of Providence, Sharon, Pleasant Hill, Hopewell, Paw Creek, Back Creek, Salisbury and Unity.

Messrs S. Fowler and W. S. Pharr were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable minute, relative to the death of Dr. Robinson.

Resolved that the free conversation on the state of religion be made the order of the day for to morrow morning, at half past nine o'clock.

The Revd J. La Roy Davies was appointed to preach the doctrinal sermon, on the 14th ch. of our Confession of faith, at the next stated meeting of Presbytery; and the 15th ch. was appointed to the Revd James Rae as his alternate.

In the absence of our Treasurer, the Revd J. La Roy Davies was appointed to receive the contributions to the contingent fund of Presbytery, and account for the same to our Treasurer.

The Revd James D. Hall obtained leave of absence till to morrow morning.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met.

Resolved, that giving in the statistical reports of the churches be made the order of the day for to morrow morning at nine o'clock.

It was resolved, that the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held at New Hope, in Lincoln County, on the 10th of October next. at eleven o'clock A. M.

The following persons were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly, — viz. The Revs N. Y. Lockridge and John S. M'Culloch,

and Messrs Jacob Reinder and John H. M.cDowell, Ruling Elders.

Presbytery took a recess till seven o'clock this evening.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

The Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Education made his report, and Messrs D. A. Penick, Cyrus Johnston, and David Harry were appointed a Committee to audit the same.

It was resolved, that the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Education be, and he hereby is directed to pay over the amount of funds now in his hands, for the liquidation of a debt contracted by Mr. O. D. McNeely, while at the Union Theological Seminary.

Inquiry having been made whether our members had complied with the injunction of Presbytery, passed at our last stated meeting, to preach on the sanctification of the Sabbath, and on Popery, and it appearing that the order was but partially attended to, it was resolved, that the same injunction be continued.

Resolved that Dr. Morrison be appointed to preach on the subject of Popery, at our next stated meeting, and that the Revd Cyrus Johnston be his alternate.

Resolved that this Presbytery assume the payment of $300, as its due proportion of the liquidation of a debt incurred by the Directors of the Union Theological Seminary; to meet the contingent expenses of that Institution.

The Rev J. La Roy Davies obtained leave

of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning, at half past eight o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, April 5th half past 8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

At nine o'clock, the statistical reports of the churches were given in; which was the order of the day previously fixed upon.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr Cyrus Caldwell, a candidate under our care; viz. For a Latin Exegesis: "2nd sensu Christus dixit: 'Hoc est corpus meum.'"?

For a critical exercise: 2d Thess. 2: 7——12.

For a lecture: the 1st Psalm.

And for a popular sermon: John 3: 36.

The Committees appointed to examine sessional records respectively reported, that they have examined said records and recommend their approval with certain exceptions affixed to some of them; which reports were approved and adopted.

At half past nine o'clock, Presbytery according to previous appointment, attended to the order of the day, — viz. the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds.

Presbytery took a recess till two o'clock.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

The following persons obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery; — viz. Messrs Corrigan, McNeely, Nixon, and Reid.

The order of the day for two o'clock, being the devotional exercises of Presbytery, it was attended to according to previous arrangement.

The unfinished business of this morning, viz. "The free conversation on the state of religion," was resumed and concluded.

The Revd Wm N. Morrison appeared in Presbytery and assigned reasons for his late attendance, which were sustained.

Mr Charles T. Alexander, a Ruling Elder from Sharon appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of Dr Robinson, presented the following which was accepted and adopted, — viz.

The Presbytery of Concord desires to record with unfeigned sorrow the death of their father and fellow-labourer in the gospel, the Revd John Robinson, D. D. who fell asleep in Christ on the 15th of December, 1843.

In his removal from this world, the Presbytery of Concord has sustained no common loss.

In Dr Robinson were united those graces and traits of character which distinguish the christian gentleman and the faithful Ambassador of Christ. Firm in his purpose, courtly in his manners, punctual to all ecclesiastical meetings, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, as a citizen and as a christian minister, ardent in taking hold and sustaining to the end the cause of God and man, — he proved himself a most valuable member of our Presbytery, and

a devoted friend to our young literary Institution, Davidson College, for which he continued to feel, even to the close of life, an unabated solicitude.

While we bow in humble submission to the hand of God, under this painful bereavement, we will ever cherish the most grateful recollection of the last of the fathers of the Presbytery of Concord.

The following resolution was presented and adopted, viz. Whereas it has pleased the Great Head of the church greatly to afflict us, both as a nation and as a church, for several years past with the prevalence of distressing and fatal sickness, and with a very discouraging state of coldness in religion, as well as an increase in wickedness; therefore Resolved, that we are loudly called upon to repent, and humble ourselves before God; and offer special prayer for times of refreshing; and accordingly, that Friday before the third Sabbath of April be appointed as a day of special humiliation, fasting, and prayer; that the pastors preach an appropriate sermon on that day, and that all our people be affectionately and urgently exhorted to observe the day, as the dealings of Providence with us and our spiritual necessities clearly require.

The Rev^d. John M. M. Caldwell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Pres^y.

The Presbytery took up the request of the Rev^d. Angus Johnson, whereon the following minute was adopted, — viz.

The Rev^d. Angus Johnson having, by letter, requested that the pastoral connection existing between him and the Congregation of Philadelphia be dissolved; and that he be dismissed from this Presbytery to connect

himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; — and this Presbytery having sufficient evidence that the Congregation of Philadelphia consent to the dissolution of said pastoral connection; — therefore, Resolved, that the request of the Rev^d. Angus Johnson be granted; — that the pastoral relation existing between him and the Congregation of Philadelphia be, and hereby is, dissolved and that church declared vacant; and that he be dismissed from this Presbytery, as a member in good and regular standing, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

A communication was received from the church of Silvam, asking Presbytery to ordain M^r. G. M. Gibbs, as an Evangelist. After due consideration, it was resolved that the request be granted, and that the following arrangement be made for his ordination, — viz.

1st. That when this Presbytery adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at Silvam, in M^c. Dowall. county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in June next, at eleven o'clock, A. M. with a view to the ordination of M^r. Gibbs.

2^d. That M^r. Gibbs prepare a trial sermon from Hebrews 4th. ch. 11th. v.

3^d. That should the way be clear for Presbytery to proceed to ordain M^r. Gibbs, — The Rev^d. D. A. Penick shall preach the ordination sermon, and the Rev^d. J. Le Roy Davies be his alternate; that the Rev^d. H. B. Cunningham preside and offer the ordaining prayer, and the Rev^d. James Kerr be his alternate; and that the Rev^d. J. M. Wilson give the charge to the Evangelist, and the Rev^d. Frederick K. Nash be his alternate.

Presbytery took a recess till 7 o'clock, P. M.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met after recess.

The members of Presbytery were called on to present what documents or facts they had collected, relative to the history of the Presbyterian Church in this State; when it appeared that but little had as yet been done in this matter. It was therefore, Resolved, that the order of Presbytery on this subject, passed at our last stated meeting, be continued and that the members report in writing at our next stated meeting.

The Executive Committee on Missions made a statement of what had been done during the past year, and of the present state of the funds; when it was Resolved, that it be enjoined on all the members of Presbytery to be punctual in taking up a collection, for the Domestic Missionary cause, during the ensuing year; that the debt now due to our missionaries be liquidated as soon as possible; and that the amount collected be paid to the Treasurer of the Executive Committee on Missions, at the next Autumn or Spring meeting of Presbytery.

The Revd. James Rees and A. L. Watts tendered to Presbytery their resignation as members of the Executive Committee on Missions, which were accepted; and the Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Wm A. Hall were appointed in their place.

Messrs D. A. Penick, Cyrus Johnston, A. Y. Lockridge, J. W. Osborne, and Dr. C. Hunter were re-elected Trustees of Davidson College for the ensuing four years.

Messrs A. L. Watts, J. S. M'Citchan,

and Ebenezer M'Neely obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning at eight o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, April 6th, eight o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read & corrected.

The Presbytery directed the Executive Committee on Missions, to employ, for the ensuing year, the same missionaries they have now in the field.

It was resolved, that the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson be respectfully requested to visit, with the concurrence of the pastors and sessions, the churches of Bethel, Davidson College, Centre and Prospect; to present before them the cause of Domestic Missions, and take up in each church a collection for the same; provided the matter has not been attended to in those churches during the past year; and that the Rev. John M. Wilson inform the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson of this resolution.

The Committee on supplies and missionary labor presented the following report which was accepted and adopted, — viz.

1st. Resolved, that the members of Presbytery supply each one Sabbath or more in the following sites, — viz.

Messrs J. M. M. Caldwell and Cyrus Johnston in the Counties of Anson and Union.

Stephen Frontis and James D. Hall in the County of Stanly.

Wm. A. Hall and James E. Morrison
in Haywood and Macon.
J. M. H. Adams and E. F. Rockwell
in Surry and Wilkes.
Henry N. Pharr and J. S. M. Cutchan
in Ashe, and one Sabbath at Olney church.
Samuel Williamson and Walter S. Pharr
in Buncombe.
R. H. Morrison, D. D. H. B. Cunningham, & Samuel Murray
in Henderson
J. F. W. Freeman and A. L. Watts
in Cleveland, and administer the Lord's Supper at Olney.
D. A. Penick ..... in McDowell County.
John M. Wilson and W. W. Pharr
in Yancey and Buncombe.
J. Le Roy Davies and James Hervey
in Caldwell County.
S. P. O. Wilson ..... in Rutherford County.

2d. Resolved, that the Rev. A. J. Lockridge's pulpit be supplied as follows, —— viz.
On the 1st. Sabbath in May ..... by the Rev. S. P. O. Wilson.
" 3d. Sabbath in May ..... by the Rev. W. S. Pharr &
J. M. M. Caldwell, who will administer the Lord's Supper.
" 4th. Sabbath in May ..... by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell.
" 1st. Sabbath in June ..... by the Rev. J. M. H. Adams.
" 2d. Sabbath in June ..... by the Rev. J. B. Davies.
" 3d. Sabbath in June ..... by the Rev. Stephen Frontis.

The Committee further recommend that in all instances, where the brethren supply organized churches, they administer there the Lord's Supper; if in their judgment it be deemed expedient.

Resolved, that the Executive Committee on Missions be requested to report in detail, at every fall meeting of Presbytery, all the facts connected with their operations.

Resolved, that the General Rules for Judicatories, appended to our Form of Government, be adopted by this Presbytery, and be read by the Moderator to his successor in office, at the opening of each stated meeting.

Whereas, the General Assembly of our church has prepared a new Psalmody and authorized, as well as recommended, the same to be used in all our churches; and whereas, uniformity in the particular Psalmody used in our churches is highly desirable; therefore,

Resolved, that the "Psalms and Hymns, adapted "to social, private and public worship in the "Presbyterian Church, and authorized by the "General Assembly," —— be recommended by all our Pastors and stated supplies to the churches which they serve; that said Psalmody may be introduced as generally and as speedily as practicable.

The session of the church of Swannanoa having presented to Presbytery a case of discipline for its adjudication; the following minute was adopted on the same, —— viz.

The Session of Swannanoa church is hereby directed to take charges and to take all the testimony deemed necessary, in the case of discipline brought by them to the notice of Presbytery, and to present the same at our next stated meeting, if they cannot otherwise adjust the matter.

The Committee on the Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, presented one which was received, corrected and adopted, and it as follows: —— viz.

Narrative of the state of Religion.

In presenting to the General Assembly the narrative of the state of religion within their bounds the Presbytery of Concord regret that they can say so little that is calculated to cheer and rejoice the hearts of the friends of Zion. The reports from our churches, with few exceptions, are like the prophet's roll filled with "mourning, lamentation, and woe."

Nearly all our churches have, during the year, enjoyed statedly the ordinary means of grace. The gospel has been preached, and Bible Classes, Sabbath Schools, and catechetical examinations have been attended to, as far as circumstances would permit. The coloured population, wherever found in sufficient numbers, have received some attention. The cause of temperance in some portions of our bounds is advancing, in others it is stationary, if not retrograding. Many of our churches have been severely afflicted by sickness and deaths; diseases of various kinds have prevailed to an unprecedented extent, within our bounds, and have proved unusually fatal.

We have been called upon to mourn the loss of the venerable and beloved father of our Presbytery, the Rev. John Robinson, D.D. together with many of the Ruling Elders and most prominent and efficient of our lay members. And yet while God has thus been calling us to repentance, both by the invitations of the Gospel and his afflictive dispensations; these calls have been too generally disregarded or forgotten. And the blessed Saviour, as he looks over our churches, may say of us, as he did of the barren fig tree; these many years have I come seeking fruit & found none. For while the attendance upon the means of grace has been as good as usual, and the attention respectful, comparatively few of the impenitent seem to have felt the saving power of the truth upon their hearts;

while there is reason to fear that the piety of our church members generally is not of that vital, active, self-denying kind, which should ever characterize those who are specially called to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

In view of this mournful state of things, we should feel distinctly called upon to prostrate ourselves in deep humiliation of soul before God, and utter the prayer of the prophet: "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years; in wrath remember mercy;" and grant us repentance and the blotting out of our sins, that a time of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and our spiritual desert be made to blossom as the rose.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted, — viz.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery the number of members in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church is too large; and that the interest of the church would be promoted by a diminution.

Resolved further, that our Commissioners to the next General Assembly be requested to present the subject of the foregoing resolution to that body, for their consideration and action.

Presbytery took a recess of twenty minutes.

After recess, Presbytery convened to hear the sermon on Popery.

After sermon, the following resolution was offered and adopted, — viz.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Presbytery be presented to the citizens of this Town, for their kindness and hospitality to our members

during the present sessions of our body; and that the pastor of this church be requested to make known this resolution to the people, at some suitable time.

The minutes of this day were read and corrected.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church of Siloam, M.c Dowell County, on the Thursday before the first Sabbath in June next, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

Stephen Frontis Stated Clerk.

Copy of the Annual Statistical Report of the Presbytery of Concord, to the General Assembly of 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of thirty Ministers; and have under their care fifty-two Churches, four Licentiates, and four Candidates, as appears on the two following pages.

The Presbytery further report that during the past year they have received the Rev.d H. B. Cunningham, from the Presbytery of Harmony; — that they have ordained the Rev.d Walter W. Pharr to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Congregation of Poplar Tent; — that they have licensed to preach the Gospel, M.r Robert N. Davis and M.r O. D. McNeely; — that they have received the Rev.d Samuel B. O. Wilson, from the Presbytery of Bethel; — that on the 15th of December, 1843, they lost by death the Rev.d John Robinson, D. D. late Pastor of Poplar Tent Church; — that they have dismissed the Rev.d Angus Johnson, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; — that they have dismissed from under their care M.r Charles R. Smith, a Licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia; — and that they have received under their care M.r George M. Gibbs, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

Stephen Frontis — Stated Clerk.

Salisbury, N. C. April 16th, 1844.

Ministers, &c.	Churches.	Communicants Added on Examin.	Added on Certif.	Total Comm.	Baptisms Adult.	Baptisms Infant.	Funds Collected: Dom. Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Educa.	Publ.	Theo. Sem.	Common Fund.	Contin. Fund.	Post-Office.
Rev. John B. Davies, S.S.	Bethel, S.S.			67										Davidson College, N.C.
" Walter S. Pharr, P.	Mallard Creek, P. Ramah, S.S.	8		250		12	$9,	$13,	$2,			$5,	$1,	Mill-Grove, N.C.
" R.H. Morrison, D.D. S.S.	Unity, S.S.	2		120		5	32,	20,	10,			5,	1,	Cottage Home, N.C.
" Samuel Williamson, Pres.	Davidson College, P.			18										Davidson College, N.C.
" Stephen Frantis, P.	Salisbury, P.		1	90		6	60,	63,				6,	1,	Salisbury, N.C.
" Cyrus Johnston, P.	Providence & Sharon, P.	23	2	214	7	12	30,	27,				7,	,50	Providence, N.C.
" Henry, N. Pharr, P.	Concord & Salem, P.	11	4	198	1	19	5,	15,				5,		Statesville, N.C.
" Daniel A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	23	3	495	1	31	44,	78,	110,			7,50	1,	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
" James Rose, S.S.	Morganton & Drusilla, S.S.			100			44,	10,				4,	,50	Morganton, N.C.
" J.L. Roy Davies, P.	Centre & Prospect, P.			318								7,		Mount Mourne, N.C.
" Wm. A. Hall, P.	Joppa & Unity, P.	10	8	171	7	14	18,	38,	7,		$5,	4,50	,50	Mocksville, N.C.
" Albertus L. Wa[illegible] P.	Steel Creek, & Pleasant Hill, P.	4		231	1	12	79,	11				6,	,50	Steel Creek, N.C.
" A. Y. Lockridge, P.	Back Creek, P.	4		207	1	7		26,				5,	,50	Mount Ulla, N.C.
" Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Smyrna, V. Asheville, V.			8										Port Natal, Africa.
" John S. McCutchan, P.	Goshen & New Hope, P.	13	4	184	4	14	33,	8,				4,50	1,	Statesville, N.C.
" Thomas D. Johnston, F.M.	Buenaville, V. Lebanon, V.													Trebizond, Western Asia.
" James M.H. Adams, P.	Third Creek, P.	6		206	4	9	22,	26,	4,			6,	,50	Cowanesville, N.C.
" James E. Morrison, P.	Bethpage & Concord Town, P.	6	1	180		13	26,	10,				5,	,50	Concord, N.C.
" James D. Hall, P.	Thyatira & Franklin, P.	2	1	290		15	10,	18,				6,		Salisbury, N.C.
" John M.M. Caldwell, P.	Sugar Creek, P.			310								6,	1,	Charlotte, N.C.
" S.B.O. Wilson, Prof.	Philadelphia & Union, V.			300										Davidson College, N.C.
" John M. Wilson, P.	Bethany & Tabor, P.	4	1	200	1	12	35,	45,				6,	,50	Bethany Church, N.C.
" Wm. N. Morrison, D.M.	Rim's Creek & Swannanoa, S.S.			30										Swannanoa, N.C.
" James F.W. Freeman, S.S.	Charlotte, S.S.			58								4,		Charlotte, N.C.
" Frederick K. Nash, S.S.	Rutherfordton & Little Britain, M.	15		100										Rutherfordton, N.C.
" Samuel Murray, S.S.	Lincolnton & Long Creek, S.S.	4		80		15						5,50		Lincolnton, N.C.
" H.B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell & Paw Creek, P.	13	1	290	2	21	38,	12,	18,			7,	,50	Alexandriana, N.C.
" E.F. Rockwell, P.	Fourth Creek, P.		1	94		4	43,	15,				4,	,50	Statesville, N.C.
" John E. McPherson, D.M.	Ebenezer, S.S.			40										Franklin, N.C.
" Walter W. Pharr, P. 30.	Poplar Tent, P.	17	1	173		8	13,	44,				5,	,50	Mill-Grove, N.C.
Licentiates — 4.	Sidaam, S.S.	7		26		4							,50	Pleasant Gardens, N.C.
George M. Gibbs, D.M.	Wilkesborough, V.													
John L. McIver.	Duncan's Creek, S.S.													
Robert N. Davis	Olney, V. — 52.													
D.D. McNeely.				50										
Candidates — 4.	Total...	172	28	5100	29	233	$54[illegible]	$479,	$151,		$5,	$121,	$12,	

Siloam Church, McDowell County,
May 30th. 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment; at the church of Siloam, McDowell County, N.C. and was constituted with prayer.

Members present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elder.
Revd. D. A. Penick	
" James Rea	Wm. McAfee.
" John M. Wilson.	

A sermon was preached by the Revd. J. M. Wilson, after which, the Presbytery being called to order; the Revd. James Rea was chosen Moderator, and the Revd. J. M. Wilson temp. clerk.

After some consultation, the Presbytery adjourned to meet during the afternoon, at the house of Mr. David Greenlee; at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

At Mr. Greenlee's, 4 o'clock, P.M. Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer. Mr. G. W. Gibbs, an licentiate was examined, with a view to his ordination, on Church History and Government, and read a sermon from Hebrews 4: 11. which had been previously assigned him.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Siloam church, on to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Siloam church, May 31st. 9 o'clock A.M. Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Mr. Gibbs was examined on the remaining parts of trial; viz. Languages and theology. All the parts of trial having been gone through, it was, on motion, resolved that the examination be sustained; and that the Presbytery now proceed to ordain Mr. George W. Gibbs, as an Evangelist.

Whereupon, The Rev. D. A. Penick preached the ordination sermon from 1st. Timothy 4: 14. After which, the Moderator having duly explained the case, according to our Confession of faith, the constitutional questions were put by him to the candidate, and being satisfactorily answered, Mr. George W. Gibbs was then, by prayer with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, duly and solemnly ordained to the whole work of the gospel ministry; after which a charge was given to the Evangelist by the Revd. J. M. Wilson.

The Revd. George W. Gibbs was then invited to take a seat as a member of Presbytery.

The Presbytery adjourned with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction, to meet at New Hope church, Lincoln County, on the 10th of October, 1844.

J. M. Wilson ..... Temp. Clerk.

New Hope Church, Lincoln County.
October 10th 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock, A.M. and was constituted with prayer by the Revd. J. F. W. Freeman, the last Moderator.

Members Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revs. Walter L. Pharr	Messrs Abner Alexander
" Stephen Frantis	Wm A. Benson
" Cyrus Johnston	Joseph N. Reid
" John S. McCutchan	Bernard Thomas
" James M. H. Adams	Samuel Knox
" James F. W. Freeman.	Robert A. Beatty
	William Dixon.

Absent. Revd. John B. Davies; ——— R. H. Morrison, D.D. — Samuel Williamson; — Henry N. Pharr; — Daniel A. Penick; — James Knox; — J. Le Roy Davies; — Wm A. Hall; — A. L. Wallis; — A. J. Lockridge; — Daniel Lindsly; — Thomas D. Johnston; — James E. Morrison; — James D. Hall; — John M. M. Caldwell; — J. B. O. Wilson; — John M. Wilson; — Wm N. Morrison; — Frederick K. Nash; — Samuel Murray; — H. B. Cunningham; — E. F. Rockwell; — John E. McPherson, — and Walter W. Pharr.

The Moderator then preached the opening sermon from Isaiah 58:1.

After sermon, Presbytery had a recess for three quarters of an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met; when the Revs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. — Henry N. Pharr, Wm A. Hall, — A. L. Wallis; — A. J. Lockridge, James D. Hall; — John M. Wilson, — E. F. Rockwell; — together with Mr. Wm. King, a Ruling Elder from Back Creek Church, ——— appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

The Presbytery proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and of a Temporary Clerk; — when the Revd. R. H. Morrison, D.D. was elected Moderator, and the Revd. E. F. Rockwell temporary clerk.

The general rules for Judicatories were, according to a late resolution of Presbytery, read by the Moderator to his successor in office.

The minutes of the last stated session of Presbytery, and of the adjourned meeting at Silvam, were read.

The brethren, appointed to visit different missionary fields and vacant churches, were called upon to know whether they had fulfilled their appointments; when it appeared that, owing to the prevalence of sickness, most of the members had not been able to attend to them.

A communication from the Faculty of Davidson College was received and put on the docket.

A communication was received from the Revd. John B. Davies, assigning reasons for his absence from our present meeting; — giving his report as Treasurer of Presbytery, and — resigning his office. His report and resignation were accepted, and the Revd. James M. H. Adams was appointed Treasurer in his place.

Mr. James T. Alexander, a Ruling Elder from the church in Lincolnton, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Revd. James E. Morrison; — Frederick K. Nash; — and Lemuel Murray, appeared in Presbytery, and gave satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

A letter was received from the Revd. John E. McPherson, assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting, which were sustained.

Mr. Arrowwood, a Ruling Elder from Long Creek Church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

A communication was received from a Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, which was read & put on the docket.

Mr. John L. McIver, a Licentiate under the care of Presbytery, asked for a dismission to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony. Whereupon, resolved, that the request of Mr. McIver be granted; and that he be, and hereby is, dismissed, from under our care, as a Licentiate in good standing, and affectionately recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Harmony.

Messrs. McCutchan and Watts (Ministers) and Bozeard Thomas and Wm. A. Benson (Ruling Elders) were appointed a Committee on devotional exercises.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, October 11th. 1845.

The Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at nine o'clock, and was constituted with prayer.

Members present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The communications from the Faculty and also from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Johnston and Adams, Ministers, and Wm. King, Ruling Elder.

A communication from the Revd. Wm. J. Langdon, Agent of the American and North Carolina Bible Societies, was received and made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon.

A letter from the General Assembly's Board of Missions, on the subject of church extension, was received, and referred to Messrs. F. K. Nash; — J. F. W. Freeman, & A. Y. Lackridge, Ministers, and Joseph N. Reid, Ruling Elder.

The Revd. Wm. N. Morrison appeared in Presbytery, and gave satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

A communication from the Presbytery of Georgia, relative to the religious instruction of negroes, was received and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. J. M. Wilson & Lemuel Murray, Ministers, and Samuel Knox, Ruling Elder.

Messrs. James D. Hall and Stephen Frantis, Ministers, and J. T. Alexander, Ruling Elder, were appointed a Committee on the minutes of the last General Assembly.

The Revd. D. A. Penick appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

It was made the order of the day, to hear the sermon on prophecy, on to morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The Revd A. Y. Lockridge, our Commissioner to the last Gen. Assb. being called on for his report, said that he had attended to the duties assigned him.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported that said exercises take place this day at noon, immediately after recess, and in the following order, viz. 1st Singing and prayer - - - by the Revd W. S. Pharr. 2d Reading the scriptures - - by the Revd J. D. Hall. 3d An address - - - - - by the Revd Cyrus Johnston. 4th Prayer - - - - - by the Revd A. Y. Lockridge. 5th Benediction. - - - - - by the Moderator.

It was ordered by Presbytery, that all documents in the possession of members, relative to the history of the Presbyterian Church within our bounds, be put into the hands of the Stated Clerk; to be transferred by him to the Revd J. M. M. Caldwell.

The members of Presbytery were called on to state whether they had complied with the order of Presbytery, to preach on the subject of popery, and on the sanctification of the Sabbath; when it was found that this order had been complied with, fully by most of the brethren, and wholly by some.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint the time and place for our next stated sessions; — when it was resolved that Presbytery meet at Sharon church, Mecklenburg County, on Wednesday, the 26th day of March, 1845, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes. After recess. Presbytery met.

Mr Samuel C. Pharr having been

introduced to Presbytery, to be received under our care, as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry, Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr Pharr on experimental religion, and on his motives for seeking the gospel ministry; which examination was sustained.

Resolved, that this evening at candle light, be fixed upon as the time when Presbytery will proceed in the examination of our candidates Messrs Thomas E. Davis and Samuel C. Pharr.

The following resolution was presented and adopted, — viz. Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to inquire and report to Presbytery, whether any thing can be done to render our efforts in behalf of Education & Domestic Missions more efficient.

Messrs D. A. Penick, J. M. Wilson, & A. Y. Lockridge, Ministers; and James F. Alexander & Wm Dickson, Ruling Elders, were appointed the Committee.

The following communication from the Session of Rocky River Church was received, viz. Whereas it often occurs, in gold mining operations, that they cannot be carried on successfully without laboring to some extent on the Sabbath day; — it becomes a question of some importance: Is such labor, in such circumstances, a breach of the Sabbath?

After discussing this subject for some time, Presbytery took a recess for three quarters of an hour.

After recess. The devotional exercises, being the order of the day, were attended to, according to previous arrangement.

It was resolved that Mr. Thomas E. Davis preach his trial sermon to night, before Presbytery.

Messrs Cyrus Johnston, James E. Morrison, and E. F. Rockwell were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Samuel C. Pharr on literature and science.

The Revs W. W. Pharr and George M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for the lateness of their arrival.

The Rev. A. H. Parmelee, of the General Association of Massachusetts, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Missions be made the order of the day, for to morrow afternoon at two o'clock.

The discussion, on the communication from the Session of Rocky River church, was resumed; and in answer to the question therein contained, the following resolution was adopted, viz: —

Resolved, that in the judgment of this Presbytery any labor in gold mining operations, on the Lord's day, is neither a work of necessity, nor of mercy, and is therefore a breach of the Sabbath.

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Board of Missions, relative to church extension, reported, and the consideration of their report was postponed to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Missions made his report; and Messrs J. K. W. Freeman, and W. W. Pharr were appointed a committee to audit the same.

The report of the committee on the communications from Davidson College, was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

Presbytery took a recess till candle-light.

After recess, Presbytery met.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. D. McNeill was called to the chair.

The Rev. H. N. Pharr was appointed on the Committee to examine our candidates, in the place of the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, now absent.

According to previous arrangement, Mr. Thomas E. Davis preached before Presbytery his popular sermon from John 1: 12. first clause. After which he read his critical exercise from Rom. 9: 1 — 5. and an Exegesis from the words: "An Spiritus Sanctus sit Deus?"

Messrs Samuel Murray and Wm. N. Morrison were appointed a committee to examine Mr Davis's Exegesis and report to Presbytery.

The Rev Wm. N. Morrison made a verbal report respecting the case of discipline in the church of Swannanoa, which case was sent back to that church by Presbytery, at its last meeting; and stated that it was impracticable for the Session of Swannanoa to act in the case. After much discussion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. October 12th.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The unfinished business of last night was resumed; viz. the consideration

of the difficulty existing in the church of Swannanoa; when it was Resolved that the whole matter be postponed till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee, on the subject of rendering our efforts in the cause of Education and Domestic Mission more efficient, made a report, which was received and ordered to lie on the table, till the order of the day was disposed of.

The Rev.d D. A. Penick obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presb.y

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Committee on the communications from the Faculty and also from the Trustees of Davidson College made two separate reports, —— the first, being on the letter from the Faculty of Davidson College, relative to a change in the time of the vacations of said College, was accepted and ordered to be spread on the minutes, with a view to the future action of Presbytery, at its next stated meeting; — according to the Constitution of said College which required that notice of any intended alteration of the same be given six months previous to its adoption.

The report is as follows, viz.

The Committee, to whom was referred a letter from the Faculty of Davidson College, containing a suggestion on the subject of vacations, — beg leave to submit to Presbytery for their future action, the following resolution, as their report, viz. Resolved that the 7th Article of the Constitution of Davidson College be altered as to read thus: viz. — — — — —

"The collegiate year shall consist of two sessions; the first to commence on the first Monday of October and close on the last Thursday of February; and the second to commence on the second Monday of March, and to close on the second Thursday of August and the second Thursday of August shall be commencement day."

Signed { Cyrus Johnston, James M. H. Adams, Wm. King } Committee.

The other report of the Committee, on the communication from the Board of Trustees, relative to the raising of funds for said College, was adopted, and is as follows, —— viz. — — — —

The Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, stating the prospects and wants of that Institution, in connection with the late action of the Board, with a view to the full endowment of the College, and the filling up of the Faculty; —— beg leave to submit to Presbytery, for their adoption, the following resolutions, as their report, — viz. —

Resolved, 1st. That this Presbytery continues to regard the institution and endowment of Davidson College as one of the greatest enterprizes of the age, in the Carolinas; which, with the divine blessing, may confer the greatest amount of good upon the country and the church of God.

Resolved, 2d. That Presbytery cordially approves the late measures of the Trustees of said College, which contemplate the complete

endowment of the Institution, by sending an Agent, to solicit funds, to all the churches within our bounds, and to other sections of country favourable to this great undertaking.

Cyrus Johnston
Signed James M. H. Adams
Wm. King

A plan for raising funds and employing a Colporteur, to circulate Bibles, in connection with the books of our Board of Publication and of the American Tract Society, was presented to Presbytery, and then laid on the table to attend to the order of the day; viz.

The sermon on prayer.

Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes.

After recess, the sermon on prayer was preached by the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. from 2d. Thessalonians 2: 1 —— 10.

After sermon, Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery attended to the order of the day, viz. to hear the report of the Committee of Missions; which report was read and accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Samuel C. Shaw in literature and science, reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that his examination be sustained; which report was adopted.

Ordered, that as Mr. R. E. Sherrill, a candidate under our care, is now present, the same committee examine him this night in literature and the sciences.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Thomas E. Davis on Theology, Church History, and Church Government; which examination was sustained.

Mr. Davis then read before Presbytery a lecture on the 15th. Psalm.

The Committee appointed to examine Mr. Davis's Latin Exegesis, reported that they have attended to it and recommend its approval.

It was resolved that all the parts of trial assigned to Mr. Davis be sustained, and that Presbytery proceed to license him to preach the gospel. The Moderator proposed to the Candidate the constitutional questions, according to our form of Government, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr. Thomas E. Davis was licensed to preach the everlasting gospel, and the following minute made of his licensure, — viz.

At New Hope Church, Lincoln County, the 12th day of October, 1844, the Presbytery of Concord, having received testimonials in favor of Mr. Thomas E. Davis, of his having gone through a regular course of literature, of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to Candidates

to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license him, the said Thomas E. Davis, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

The following resolution was offered and adopted, — viz. Resolved, that this Presbytery cordially recommend the system of orphanage, under the superintendence of the American Tract Society, to the support and co-operation of the churches under our care.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of our Executive Committee on Missions, reported that they have examined the same and found them to be correct; — which report was accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly reported as follows; — viz. that after examining said minutes, they beg leave to present the following items to the notice of Presbytery; the first, on page 361 of said minutes, respecting Domestic Missions.

The second, on page 362, respecting the christian Sabbath.

The third, on pages 373, 374, & 375, on church extension.

The fourth, on page 377, on the publication of the entire minutes of the Gen. Ass.

The fifth, on page 379, respecting the Free Church of Scotland.

The sixth, on page 428, relative to a standing rule of the General Assembly.

The Committee being well aware that on all those different subjects, with the sole

exception of the one which respects the Free Church of Scotland, the Presbytery has acted repeatedly, and on some very recently, deem it unnecessary to recommend any further action on the same.

As to the claims of the Free Church of Scotland, while we rejoice in the noble stand that church has taken for the rights of the Redeemer, and would gladly have welcomed their delegates to our pulpits and cheerfully have aided them in soliciting aid from our congregations; — yet in as much as they have now left our country, and in as much as the cause of Domestic Missions within our bounds, now demands the greatest pecuniary efforts, we do not think it necessary to recommend to our churches any particular action relative to that Church.

Resolved, that this Presbytery most cordially invite the Agent of the American and North Carolina Bible Societies to visit our churches and carry out the great design contemplated by these Societies.

The following subjects for trial were assigned to Mr. Samuel E. Dwarr, — viz.

1st. for an Exegesis: "An Ecclesiæ necessarium sit caput visibile?"

2d. for a critical exercise: 1st Cor. 15: 32.

3d. for a lecture: 2d Peter 1: 5 — 11.

4th. for a popular sermon: John 12: 36. first clause.

Presbytery took a recess till candle-light.

After recess, Presbytery met.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. Samuel Murray was called to the chair.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the memorial from the Presbytery

of Georgia, on the religious instruction of negroes, made a report, and after considerable discussion, the following preamble & resolution were adopted as a substitute for said report, viz.

"In as much as some of our southern churches wish the General Assembly's Board of Missions to undertake the work of sustaining missionaries to the blacks, in the South; and in as much as the Board feel a delicacy in so doing, without the approbation of southern christians; —— Resolved, that we entirely approve of that Board's operating in such a field; in the bounds of such Presbyteries as approve of the object and invite their aid." ✓

The following persons were appointed a Committee to prepare and report, at the next meeting of Presbytery, some plan for the instruction of negroes among ourselves: viz. Messrs A. Y. Lockridge, J. M. H. Adams, & Stephen Frantis, Ministers; and Thomas L. Cowan, Wm. King, & Wm. B. Wood, Elders.

The examination of the report of the Committee on rendering our efforts in the cause of Education & of Domestic Missions more efficient, —— was laid over till the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Committee, appointed to examine Mr Shirill on literature and science, reported that they have attended to the duty assigned them; and recommend that his examination be sustained; which report was adopted.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Presbytery be presented to the congregation of New-Hope; for their hospitality and

kindness to our members, during our present sessions.

Resolved, that Presbytery authorize our Executive Committee on Missions to secure the labours of our licentiate, Mr. Thomas E. Davis, as a domestic missionary, in some suitable field.

Resolved, that the Rev. E. F. Rockwell be appointed to preach the sermon on popery; and that the Rev. Walter W. Pharr be his alternate.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Fayetteville, during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Concluded with prayer.

Stephen Frantis. Stated Clerk.

Copy of the Report of the Presbytery of Concord, to the Synod of North Carolina, presented at its Sessions in Fayettenville, November 6th 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 52 churches, 3 licentiates, and 4 candidates.

That on the 15th of December, 1843, they lost, by death, the Revd. John Robinson, D.D. late Pastor of Poplar Tent church; — that on the 4th day of April, 1844, they dismissed, from under their care, Mr. Charles R. Smith, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Georgia; — that on the same day they received under their care, Mr. George M. Gibbs, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Fayettenville; — that on the 5th day of April, 1844, they dismissed the Revd. Angus Johnson, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; — that on the 31st day of May, 1844, they ordained, as an Evangelist, to the work of the Gospel ministry, Mr. George M. Gibbs; — that on the 10th day of October, 1844, they dismissed, from under their care, Mr. John L. McIver, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony; — and that on the 12th day of October, 1844, they licensed Mr. Thomas E. Davis, to preach the gospel.

By order of the Presbytery;

Stephen Frontis — Stated Clerk.

Fayettenville, N.C. November 8th, 1844.

The Presbytery of Concord, met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian church, at 12 o'clock, M. at the call of the last Moderator present, the Revd. J. F. W. Freeman, and was constituted by prayer.

Members Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Revd. Cyrus Johnston	
" D. A. Penick	Mr. John F. Phifer
" James Kerr	
" Wm. A. Hall	
" A. L. Watts	
" A. Y. Lockridge	
" J. M. H. Adams	
" J. E. Morrison	
" J. D. Hall	
" J. M. Wilson	
" J. F. W. Freeman	
" J. B. Cunningham	
" E. F. Rockwell	
" G. M. Gibbs	
" J. S. McCutchan	

The Revd. E. F. Rockwell was appointed temporary clerk. There being no business, Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Saturday, November 9th.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Present, as on yesterday.

After some discussion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, that this Presbytery put at

the disposal of the Committee of Synod on Colportage, whatever funds and books there may be at our Depository, at Davidson College, to aid in carrying into effect the system of colportage contemplated by Synod, for the circulation, within its bounds, of the books of our Board of Publication, together with other religious books.

The Rev.d D. A. Penick was appointed our Agent to attend to the collections for Foreign Missions, and the Rev.d E. F. Rockwell for Domestic Missions, till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Sharon Church, Mecklenburg County, on Wednesday, the 26.th day of March, 1845, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer.

E. F. Rockwell, Temp. Clerk.

Sharon Church, Mecklenburg County,
March 26.th 1845.

The Presbytery of Concord met, according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock, A. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev.d R. H. Morrison, D.D. from 1.st Timothy 4: 16. and after sermon was constituted with prayer.

Members Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev.d Walter S. Pharr	Mess.rs Caleb Erwin
" R. H. Morrison, D.D.	James W. Moore
" Stephen Frontis	Amos D. Alexander
" Cyrus Johnston	Robert C. Wilson
" Henry N. Pharr	Jonathan Reid
" Daniel A. Penick	John Shives
" James Kerr	R. M. Alexander
" Albertus L. Watts	Burgess Thomason
" A. V. Lockridge	Abner M.c Cay
" John S. M.c Cutchan	Robert D. Alexander
" James D. Hall	David Johnston
" John M. Wilson	Cyrus Flemming
" Lemuel Murray	Cyrus D. Steward
" H. B. Cunningham	Samuel Caldwell
" Walter W. Pharr	Jacob Hair
" George M. Gibbs.	John Phifer

Absent. Rev.d Samuel Williamson; —— J. Le Roy Davis; — Wm. A. Hall, —— Daniel Lindsay; — Thomas D. Johnston; — James M. H. Adams; — James E. Morrison; — John M. M. Caldwell; — S. B. O. Wilson, —

Wm. N. McMorrison; — James F. W. Freeman; Frederick K. Nash; — E. F. Rockwell; — and John E. McPherson.

The Revd H. B. Cunningham was elected Moderator, and the Revd Walter W. Pharr Temporary Clerk.

The minutes of the preceding Session at New Hope were read. ✓

A letter from the Revd John M. M. Caldwell was received, requesting a dissolution of the pastoral connection existing between him and the Congregation of Sugar Creek, and that he be dismissed from this body, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Cherokee.

A representative from the Congregation of Sugar Creek, being present, informed the Presbytery that that Congregation does consent to the dissolution of said pastoral connection. It was therefore Resolved, that the request of the Revd John M. M. Caldwell be granted; — that the pastoral relation existing between him and the Congregation of Sugar Creek be, and it hereby is, dissolved, and that church declared vacant; and that the Revd J. M. M. Caldwell be dismissed from this Presbytery, as a member in good and regular standing, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Cherokee, in the State of Georgia.

† Mr Thomas E. Davis, one of our licentiates, requested, through the Revd D. A. Penick, to be dismissed from under our care; to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Holston, Tennessee. It was resolved that this request be granted; — and that Mr Thomas E. Davis be, and he hereby is

dismissed from under our care, and affectionately recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Holston, as a licentiate in good and regular standing.

Mr Robert N. Davis, another of our licentiates, requested, through the Revd Stephen Frontis, to be dismissed from under our care; to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lexington, Virginia. It was resolved that this request be granted; and that Mr Robert N. Davis be, and he hereby is, dismissed from under our care, and affectionately recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Lexington, as a licentiate in good and regular standing.

A communication from the General Assembly's Board of Education were read, which was referred to a special Committee, consisting of Messrs A. J. Lockridge, and J. S. McCutchan, Ministers; and Mr Samuel Caldwell, Ruling Elder.

Messrs Cyrus Johnston and Amos D. Alexander were appointed a Committee on devotional exercises.

Presbytery resolved to hear the doctrinal sermon to morrow morning at eleven o'clock, and the sermon on prophecy at the same hour on Friday morning.

The Revd Samuel Williamson, and James M. H. Adams appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

It was resolved that we send four Commissioners to the next General Assembly.

Resolved, that the Session Books be placed on the Clerk's table, at an early hour on to morrow morning.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning, March 27th. Presbytery met, according to adjournment, at ten o'clock, and was opened with prayer.

Present as on yesterday.

The Revd. Samuel L. Watson, of the Presbytery of Bethel, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Revd. J. F. W. Foreman appeared in Presbytery, and gave satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Mr. Joseph Summer, a ruling Elder from the church in Charlotte, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Committee on devotional exercises made the following report which was accepted and adopted, viz: that the devotional exercises of Presbytery take place on this day, at 2 o'clock, in the following order, viz. - - - - - - - - -

1st. Psalmody and prayer - - - by Mr. S. Fraser.
2d. Reading a portion of scripture - - by Mr. J. M. Wilson.
3d. Address - - - - - - - by Mr. Samuel Williamson.
4th. Psalmody and prayer - - - by Mr. James Kerr.
& 5th. Apostolic Benediction - - by the Moderator.

Messrs. Cyrus Johnston, John S. McCutchan and Robert D. Alexander - were appointed a Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, for the ensuing four

years; in the place of those whose term of service is now expired. This Committee subsequently made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, - viz. -

Resolved, that Messrs J. M. Wilson; - H. N. Shaw; - W. W. Shaw; - Samuel Williamson; - John R. Alexander, R. I. McDowell; - A. Brevard Davidson, Robert D. Alexander, and Wm. King - be appointed Trustees in Davidson College for the ensuing four years. Also that the Revd. H. B. Cunningham be appointed in the place of the Revd. John B. Davies, deceased; and the Revd. James D. Hall, in the place of the Revd. J. M. McCaldwell, removed from our bounds.

Messrs. James Kerr, A. Y. Lockridge, and David Johnston were appointed a Committee to take notes, during the free conversation on the state of religion; and to prepare, for the General Assembly, a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds.

Dr. R. H. Morrison and Revd. D. A. Penick were appointed a Committee to prepare a minute relative to the death of the Revd. John B. Davies.

The Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the General Assembly's Board of Education, reported that as we have now no beneficiary, no answer is expected from this Presbytery.

Mr. Wm. Emerson, a ruling Elder from the church of Centre, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The following Committees were appointed on Sessional records, viz:

On the records of the church of——

Siloam, ——— Messrs J. F. W. Freeman, & R. D. Alexander.
Drusilla, ——— " J. M. H. Adams, & S. Caldwell.
Poplar Tent, ——— " J. S. McCutchan, & A. P. Alexander.
Hopewell, ——— " A. Y. Lockridge, & Wm Emerson.
Paw-Creek, ——— " L. Murray, & David Johnston.
Long-Creek, ——— " W. S. Pharr, & Caleb Erwin.
Ramah, ——— " D. A. Penick, & J. Hutie.
Lincolnton, ——— " J. M. Wilson, & J. Reid.
Mallard-Creek, ——— " J. D. Hall, & J. W. Moore.
Franklin, ——— " H. N. Pharr, & J. Shives.
New-Hope, ——— " G. M. Gibbs & J. Summer.
Morganton, ——— " R. H. Morrison & B. Thomason.
Rocky-River, ——— " J. Kerr, & C. P. Howard.
Steel-Creek, ——— " Cyrus Johnston, & R. M. Alexander.
Pleasant Hill, ——— " S. Williamson, & R. C. Wilson.
Concord Church, ——— " J. F. W. Freeman & R. D. Alexander.

The receiving of the statistical reports of the churches, together with the free conversation on the state of religion, was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery took a recess of five minutes, after which the doctrinal sermon was preached by the Revd James Kerr, from the 14th ch. of our Confession of Faith.

After sermon, Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The devotional exercises, being now the order of the day, were attended to, according to previous arrangement.

A communication from the Session of Rocky-River church was received and read, and referred to a special Committee consisting of Messrs H. N. Pharr, A. Y. Lockridge, J. M. Wilson, R. H. Morrison, and J. Summer.

The Revd Stephen Frontis asked of Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between him and the church of Salisbury. After considerable discussion, the Presbytery unanimously resolved, that in view of all the facts in the case, the request ought not to be granted.

The following persons were appointed our Commissioners to the next General Assembly—

Ministers.

Principals.	Alternates.
Revd R. H. Cunningham.	Revd S. Frontis
" Wm A. Hall.	" J. S. McCutchan.

Ruling Elders.

Principals.	Alternates.
Messrs Robert J. McDowell	Messrs David Coleman
" James Gillespie.	" James Adams.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Friday morning, March 28th.

Presbytery met, at 10 o'clock, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Present as on yesterday.

A letter was received from the Revd J. LeRoy Davies, assigning reasons for his absence from our present sessions.

The Committees on the Sessional Records respectively reported, and their reports were approved and adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute relative to the death of the Revd. John B. Davies reported, and their report was accepted and adopted; and is as follows, viz:

"The Presbytery of Concord, being called in the Providence of God to record the death of their venerable father in the ministry, the Revd John B. Davies, would express their deep sense of the loss they have sustained. After a long and faithful devotion to the great work of the Gospel ministry, he was called to his rest on the 9th of February, 1845. Possessed of a clear and practical mind, an ingenuous and conciliating disposition; and blessed with pure and ardent love to God and the souls of men, his life was a bright pattern of christian virtue in all the relations of life, and presented a cheerful, uniform and exalted devotion of all his powers and means of influence to the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Governed by the purest motives, and manifesting his conformity to christian principle in the most kind and prudent manner, few men have lived more above the strife & suspicion and turmoil incident to human passion, and have been more confided in and beloved, by all classes of society. To the close of life his zeal and diligence and animation in his ministry seemed to increase instead of being relaxed by the infirmities of age, and he ceased not to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ until arrested by the disease which terminated his life. Whilst recording

the removal of such a watchman from the walls of Zion, his brethren should be impressed with the uncertainty of their time, and with the great importance of working whilst it is day; knowing that the night cometh in which no man can work."

R. H. Morrison
D. A. Penick } Committee

Presbytery passed to the order of the day, which was to receive the statistical reports of the churches, and to engage in the free conversation on the state of religion.

Messrs J. M. H. Adams, J. M. Wilson, and C. P. Stewart were appointed a Committee of supplies and missionary labor.

The report on the change in the time of the vacations in Davidson College, which had been laid over from our last meeting, and is spread on our records, pages 307 & 308, was taken up and adopted.

Messrs Wm. Emmons & Burgess Thomason asked & obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess for an hour.

After recess, Presbytery met.

Messrs David Johnston, Robert C. Wilson, & Joseph Summey obtained leave of absence, after this evening, from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Committee on the communication from the Session of Rocky River church, made a report which was accepted, and, after some discussion, was laid over to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Agent appointed, at the last meeting of Presbytery, to secure contributions in behalf of the General Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, within our bounds, reported that soon after his appointment, he addressed a circular letter to each of our pastors; urging them to attend to the subject in their respective charges, and to aim at inducing every member of the church to contribute something, according to his ability, and to report, prior to this meeting of Presbytery, the number of members, — the number of contributors, — and the amount contributed, in each of their respective charges. That 15 churches reported, and that the aggregate amount subscribed by those churches is $366,14. Of this there is in the hands of the Agent $249,17. Moreover that from 36 churches no reports have been received.

The Agent was directed to place the warrant in his possession, for the cause of Foreign Missions, in the hands of our Commissioners to the General Assembly; to be paid by them to the Treasurer of our Board of Foreign Missions.

Messrs J. F. W. Freeman, L. Murray, John Shimer, & Cyrus Flemming obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presb'y.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning, March 29th.

Presbytery met, at 9 o'clock, according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Present as on yesterday, with the exception of those absent with leave.

Presbytery took up the time and place of our next stated meeting; when it was resolved that it be held at Lincolnton on the Friday before the second Sabbath in October; being the 10th of the month; at half-past six o'clock, P. M.

Resolved, that our Treasurer pay our Stated Clerk $3,00 to defray the expenses incurred by him for Presb'y during the past year, in Letter postage, and stationary.

The Committee appointed to prepare a report to the General Assembly, on the state of religion within our bounds, presented the following, which was accepted & adopted, viz.

"The Presbytery, of Concord, in presenting to the General Assembly their report of the state of religion within their bounds, have but little of an interesting nature to communicate. The gospel has been preached, as we hope, with fidelity; and the attendance has generally been good; yet the word preached has produced but little apparent effect. Those who minister in holy things have often to take up the lamentation "Who hath believed our report, and to whom has "the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Few appear to feel the importance of eternal things and comparatively few come out from the world and declare themselves on the Lord's side. During the past year death has been extending its ravages in many sections of our Presbytery. The additions to the churches have not much exceeded the number of deaths and removals. A spirit of worldliness too generally pervades

our churches. The cause of temperance has made but little progress. Sabbath School and catechetical instruction is to some extent attended to; though by no means so generally as its importance demands. Some attention has been given to the instruction of the coloured people within our bounds, in the Sabbath School and from the pulpit. Presbytery would fain hope that an increasing interest is felt in the religious instruction & spiritual welfare of that long neglected class. The monthly concert for prayer has been but partially observed. Indeed we fear there is but little of the spirit of prayer in our churches. The contributions to benevolent objects, though perhaps not less than heretofore, have fallen short of what they ought to have been and would have been, did our churches feel in some measure as they ought, the claims of a perishing world upon them. In reviewing the past year, the Presbytery has abundant cause for deep humiliation and fervent prayer to the God of all grace, that He would revive pure and undefiled religion within our bounds."

It was resolved that the Revd Cyrus Johnston be appointed an Agent, to visit within the bounds of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to present the cause of Davidson College, and solicit funds for the complete endowment of that Institution.

The Revd John M. Wilson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Pres^y.

Inquiry was made whether the churches had complied with an injunction of Synod, to raise the amount assumed by this

Presbytery, to liquidate a debt of the Union Theological Seminary. When it was found that only the following churches had contributed to that object; viz.

Unity in Lincoln	$ 10,00
Bethany and Tabor	12,00
Rocky River	10,00
Morganton	8,00
Joppa	4,50
Unity in Rowan	4,56¼
Goshen and New Hope	2,00
total collected	$ 58,06¼

It was resolved that the churches which have not yet paid their quota to that object be requested to do so before the next meeting of Synod.

It was resolved that this Presbytery become auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Education.

The Committee on supplies and missionary labor made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz.

1st. To supply the pulpits of our Commissioners to the General Assembly. Ordered that —

the Revd S. P. D. Wilson preach on the 2^d Sabbath in May at Hopewell.

Rev. A. Y. Lockridge — the 3^d Sabbath in May at Hopewell.
" W. W. Pharr — the 1st Sabbath in June at Hopewell.
" W. S. Pharr — the 2^d Sabbath in June at Hopewell.
" J. H. W. Freeman — the 1st Sabbath in May at Paw-Creek.
" Cyrus Johnston & A. L. Watts — the 4th Sabbath in May at d^o and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

the Revd J. D. Hall and J. M. H. Adams to preach one Sabbath each at Unity, Rowan.

Rev. S. Frontis, E. F. Rockwell and J. M. Wilson to preach one Sabbath each at Mocksville.

2d. For the supply of the destitute parts of Presbytery. Ordered that ---
the Rev. W. W. Pharr and Cyrus Johnston visit
the Counties of Anson and Union. ✓
" S. Frontis and J. D. Hall - the County of Stanly.
" Wm A. Hall and J. E. Morrison — the Counties
of Haywood and Macon.
" J. M. H. Adams and E. P. Rockwell ---
the Counties of Surry, Wilkes and Ashe.
" H. N. Pharr and J. S. M.c Culloch ---
the Counties of M.c Dowell & Buncombe.
" L. Williamson and W. S. Pharr ----
the County of Buncombe.
" R. H. Morrison D.D. and Samuel Murray -
- the County of Henderson.
" J. F. W. Freeman and A. L. Watts --
the County of Cleaveland and the church of Mary.
" H. B. Cunningham and J. M. Gibbs ----
the County of M.c Dowell.
" J. M. Wilson and Wm N. Morrison ---
the Counties of Yancey and Buncombe.
" James Kerr and J. Le Roy Davies ---
the County of Caldwell.
" S. B. O. Wilson and A. R. Nash
the County of Rutherford.
" H. N. Pharr and J. M. Wilson to administer
the Lord's Supper at Philadelphia.
" James E. Morrison to supply one Sabbath
at Union church.

Your Committee recommend that the time each minister shall spend in this labour, be at his discretion; and that in every case, where convenient the Lord's supper be administered at organized churches.

J. M. H. Adams
J. M. Wilson
} Committee.

It was, on motion, resolved, that as the overture from the session of Rocky River church involves a question of vital importance to the whole church of Christ, — our ministers be required to present the subject to their several sessions, that they may come prepared, at the next meeting of our Presbytery, to give a judicious vote on the same.

The Committee appointed, at our last meeting of Presbytery, to prepare a report on the religious instruction of our coloured population, presented the following, which was accepted and adopted, — viz. ----

"The Committee, appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery, to take into consideration the better instruction of the coloured people, within the bounds of this Presbytery, would respectfully report, that they have maturely and prayerfully considered the subject referred to them.

The religious instruction of the coloured people living in our midst, and constituting a part of our families, is admitted on all hands to be a great and important work. Important to the happiness of the slaves themselves, — important to the peace of the families in which they live, — important to the increase and prosperity of the church of the Redeemer. Your Committee believe that the responsibility of instructing the slaves in our midst rests upon us; and we dare not throw that responsibility on others, or permit our servants to live in ignorance and sin, without incurring blood-guiltiness. What we need, at this present time, in the bounds of this Presbytery, is not a distinct

class of ministers to labour exclusively for the spiritual good of the coloured people; but that all our ministers should feel that they are settled over churches made up of Masters and their servants, and that it is their duty to watch over the entire households committed to their care, as those that must give an account to God. Masters among us need to feel the heavy responsibility resting upon them, to give their personal attention to the instruction of their own servants; — to feel that they are constituted Christ's trustees and guardians of their servants' souls; and that they should look upon their servants, as members of their families, and as justly entitled to a share in their cares, instructions and prayers for the salvation of their entire households; that it may be said of them, as it was of Abraham, "I know "him, that he will command his children, "and his household after him, and they shall "keep the way of the Lord to do justice and "judgment." The servants, in the bounds of all our churches, need to feel that it is their duty and highest interest to give their attendance and serious attention to the means of grace, as dispensed at the family altar, in the Sabbath School, and from the sacred desk, by those who are appointed by the Lord to labour for their good.

Your Committee, entertaining these views of the subject referred to them, would offer the following resolutions for the consideration of Presbytery.

1st. Resolved, that it be enjoined on all our ministers to pay special attention to the religious

instruction of the coloured people, within the bounds of their respective charges, in their public ministrations, family visitations, catechitical & Sabbath school instruction.

2d. Resolved, that it be recommended that all our ministers preach a sermon, before the next meeting of Presbytery, to Masters and servants, teaching masters the obligations resting on them to give their personal attention to the religious instruction of their own servants; and the duty of servants to attend the word of God, as read or explained by their own masters; or those employed by their masters, to aid them in this important work.

3d. Resolved, that it be enjoined on all our ministers, in handing in their reports to Presbytery, at each Spring meeting, to report to Presbytery the plans adopted in their respective charges, for the salvation of the Blacks; and their success in this arduous but good work.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. Y. Lockridge
Thomas L. Cowan
William King
Stephen Francis
J. M. H. Adams
} Committee.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Presbytery be presented to the members of the Congregation of Sharon, for their kindness and hospitality to our members during the present Sessions.

The Revd A. L. Watts was appointed as principal to preach the doctrinal sermon at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and the Revd A. Y. Lockridge his alternate.

(Sharon.)

The Rev.d E. F. Rockwell was continued, as Principal, to preach before Presbytery, on the subject of popery, at our next stated meeting; and the Rev.d W. W. Pharr his alternate.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Lincolnton, on the 10.th of October next, at half past six o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer, singing, and the Apostolic benediction.

Stephen Frontis Stated Clerk.

Copy of the Annual Statistical Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the General Assembly of 1845.

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the General Assembly, that they consist of twenty-nine ministers, and have under their care fifty-two churches, one licentiate, and four candidates; as appear on the following pages.

The Presbytery further report, that during the past year they have ordained, as an Evangelist, the Rev.d George M. Gibbs, to the work of the gospel ministry; — that they have dismissed from under their care Mr. John L. M.Iver, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Harmony; — that they have licensed Mr. Thomas E. Davis to preach the gospel; — that on the 9.th of February, 1845, they lost, by death, the Rev.d John B. Davies; — that they have dismissed the Rev.d John M. M. Caldwell, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Cherokee, Georgia; — that they have dismissed from under their care Mr. Thomas E. Davis, a licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Holston, Tennessee; — and have dismissed also from under their care Mr. Robert N. Davis, another licentiate, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Lexington, Virginia.

Stephen Frontis Stated Clerk.

Salisbury, N. C. April 9.th 1845.

Ministers Licentiates & Candidates.	Churches.	Post-Office.	Communicants: Added on examination	Added on profession	Total Communicants	Baptized: Adults	Infants	Funds Collected: Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Freedmen's Special Offering	Sabbath-school Work & Missionary Fund	Contingent Fund	Miscellaneous Collections
Rev. Walter S. Pharr, P.	Mallard Creek P. Ramah, S.	Mill-Grove, N.C.	12		150		12	$ 15,	$ 13,		$ 5,	$ 11,	$ 5,	$ 1,00	
" R. H. Morrison, D.D. S.S.	Unity, (Lincoln) S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	2		120		3	15,	28,				5,	1,00	
" Samuel Williamson, Pres.	Davidson College, P.	Davidson College, N.C.	3	2.	20	1	2	5,	30,				5,	,50	
" Stephen Frantis, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	2	1.	80	1	4	19,	43,		22,		6,	1,00	$ 88,
" Cyrus Johnston, P.	Providence & Sharon, P.	Providence, N.C.	7		209	1	13		21,		15,		7,	,50	
" Henry N. Pharr, P.	Concord, Salem & Smyrna, P.	Statesville, N.C.	4	3.	196	3	23	7,	15,				10,	,50	
" David A. Lewick, P.	Rocky-River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	8	2	483	2	19		53,	$ 15,	40,		7,	,50	38,
" James Knox, S.S.	Morganton, S.S.	Morganton, N.C.	6		80			46,					4,	,50	48,
" J. Le Roy Davis, P.	Centre & Prospect, P.	Mount Mourne, N.C.	17	4	327	6	39	50,	25,	20,	150,	10,	12,	5,00	250,
" Wm. A. Hall, P.	Joppa & Unity, P.	Mocksville, N.C.			171							9,	4,	,50	
" A. L. Watts, P.	Steel-Creek & Pleasant Hill, P.	Steel-Creek, N.C.	19		206	8	14		37,				7,	,50	
" A. Y. Lockridge, P.	Back-Creek, P.	Mount Ulla, N.C.	7	3	210		7	23,			10,	10,	5,	,50	
" Daniel Lindsley, F.M.	Sugar-Creek, V. Asheville, V.	Port Natal, Africa.			310										
" J. S. M'Culloch, P.	Goshen & New-Hope, P.	Statesville, N.C.	10	4	195	4	7	32,			5,	9,	4,	,75	
" Thomas P. Johnston, F.M.	Philadelphia, V. Union, V.	Fochjeend, Western Asia.			300										
" J. M. H. Adams, P.	Third-Creek, P.	Cowansville, N.C.	1	2	178		16	65,	38,				6,	,50	
" J. E. Morrison, P.	Bethpage & Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.			180										
" James D. Hall, P.	Thyatira & Franklin, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	17		265	2	10	21,	18,				6,		
" J. B. O. Wilson, Prof.	Bethel, S.S. Olney, V.	Davidson College, N.C.			69										
" John M. Wilson, P.	Bethany & Faber, P.	Bethany-Church, N.C.	3		200	1	10	22,	26,				6,	,50	
" Wm. A. Morrison, F.M.	Rimi's Creek & Swannanoa, S.S.	Swannanoa, N.C.			30										
" J. F. W. Freeman, S.S.	Charlotte, S.S.	Charlotte, N.C.			58										
" Frederick K. Nash, S.S.	Rutherfordton & Little Britain, S.S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.			100										
" Samuel Murray, S.S.	Lincolnton & Long-Creek, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.	2		93		14						7,		
" H. B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell & Paw-Creek, P.	Alexandriana, N.C.	17	2	303	5	16	10,	5,				14,	1,00	40,
" E. F. Rockwell, P.	Fourth-Creek, P.	Statesville, N.C.			94										
" John E. M'Pherson, P.M.	Ebenezer, S.S.	Franklin, N.C.													
" Walter W. Pharr, P.	Poplar Tent, P.	Concord, N.C.	15	3	200		8	27,	42,		25,	5,	5,	,50	
" George M. Gibbs, D.M.	Siloam & Drusilla, S.S.	Marion, N.C.	5		53		2						2,	,50	
29.	Duncan's Creek, S.S.														
Licentiate — 1.															
D. D. M'Neely.	Lebanon, S.S.	total —	157	26	4880	34	219	$357,	$394,	$35,	$272,	$54,	$127,	$15,75	$464,
Candidates — 4.	Wilkesborough, V. Burnsville, V.														

Lincolnton N.C. Friday October 10th 1845

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian Church at seven oclock P.M.

The Moderator being absent Presbytery was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. E. McPherson, the last Moderator present from Heb. 13:8.

After sermon Presbytery was constituted with prayer

Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. J. S. McEutchan	
" Wm. A. Morrison	
" Jno. M. Wilson	James A. Gill
" Lemt. Murray	Jno. F. Phifer
" J. E. McPherson	Wm. H. White
" Geo. M. Gibbs	Wm. Erwin
	Thos. Stevenson

So many members being absent on account of excessive rain and high waters, the election of officers was deferred until to-morrow.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at half past ten oclock.

Saturday Oct. 11. half past 10. A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Constituted with prayer— Present as before.

The Rev. H. A. Pharr appeared and took his seat—

The Rev. William A. Morrison was elected Moderator and the Rev. J. S. McEutchan Temporary Clerk.

A call from the Morganton congregation for the pastoral services of the Rev. Jno. M. Wilson, was presented to Presbytery, and being found in order and to have been constitutionally prepared was put into the

hands of Mr. Wilson for consideration.

A communication from the congregation of Duncan's creek, praying some arrangement for supplying that congregation with preaching, was presented to Presbytery, and being read was referred to the committee on Mission.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presbytery met.

The following members who had been detained by rain and high waters, appeared and took their seats, viz:

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Stephen Frontis	
" Danl. A. Penick	
" Wm. A. Hall	Stephen L. Howell
" Jas. C. Hall	James Silliman
" Jas. M. D. Adams	
" E. L. Rockwell	

The minutes of Presbytery at its meeting in Fayetteville and at its last regular meeting were read.

Absentees from the last meeting were called on and gave reasons for absence.

It was

Resolved, That the sermon on Popery be preached on monday evening at candle lighting.

A communication was received from the Assembly's Board of Missions, which being read, was referred to the committee on Missions.

The members appointed to supply destitute places were called on to report whether or not they had fulfilled their several appointments.

The Rev. S. Frontis applied for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, between himself and the church

at Salisbury.

A communication from the congregation in Salisbury, consenting to the dissolution of said relation, having been received, it was

Resolved, That the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Stephen Frontis and the congregation at Salisbury be, and it hereby is dissolved, and said church declared vacant.

A communication was received from the Session of New Hope church, touching intercommunion with the body known as the Independent Presbyterians, praying the opinion of Presbytery on that subject, and should the opinion of Presbytery be favorable to the recognition of that body as a regular branch of the Christian Church and to free intercommunion with it, that a memorial to that effect be prepared and presented to the General Assembly at its next meeting, praying a correspondent action on the part of that body. — Which communication was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Penick, Frontis and Hall.

Mr. R. C. Sherrill a candidate under our care applied for a certificate of dismission from this Presbytery, that he might put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick: — Which request was granted.

The Rev. S. Frontis offered his resignation of his office as stated clerk of Presbytery, with his reasons therefor. — Whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr. Frontis' resignation be accepted, and the thanks of Presbytery tendered to him for his faithful services whilst holding the office.

The Presbytery proceeded to the election of a stated clerk, when the Rev. J. S. McEutchan was chosen

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The following committees were appointed viz:

1. On the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery
Messrs Murray. Adams and Phifer.
2. On the Minutes of the General Assembly.
Messrs Pharr, McPherson, and White.
3. On the State of the Church in the bounds of this Presbytery,— to consider seriously this subject, and prepare in relation to it a pastoral letter addressed to the churches under our care,

Messrs Penick, Rockwell, Adams, White, Erwin and Silliman.

It was

Resolved, That Presbytery will hold this evening at seven oclock a meeting for a free interchange of views and feelings in relation to the state of our churches.

The overture from the Session of Rocky River church, laid over from the last meeting of Presbytery, with with the report of the committee thereon, was taken up.

After some discussion of this subject, Presbytery took a recess until 4 oclock, to meet at the German Reformed Church.

After recess Presb. met at Germ. Ref. Ch.

The Rocky River overture was laid on the table, to take up the order of the day.

Presbytery went into a free conversation on the state of our churches:— which after some time spent in the consideration thereof was postponed until monday morning.

Mr. William Erwin obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet in the Presbyterian Church monday morning at 9 oclock.

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Presb. Ch. Monday Morning Oct 13

Presbytery met according to adjournment— constituted with prayer— Present as on saturday except Mr. Erwin absent with leave.

The minutes of saturday were read.

Mr. Jas. S. Cate, a Ruling Elder from Long Creek church appeared and took his seat.

Messrs Frontis, W. A. Hall, and Howell were appointed a committee to prepare a narrative of the state of religion in the bounds of Presbytery.

The Rev. James A. Wallace, a member of Chickasaw Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Messrs J. M. Hall and Howell were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Missions.

The conference on the state of the Church was resumed and completed.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. That the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery be attended to this afternoon at 3 oclock
2. That the following order be observed viz:
1. Singing and prayer by the Rev. J. M. Wilson.
2. Reading the Scriptures by the Rev. G. M. Gibbs.
3. Address by the Rev. S. Frontis
4. Singing and Prayer by the Rev. W. A. Hall
5. Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator

It was

Resolved, That Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting at Fourth Creek Church, commencing on the first Friday (3rd day) of April 1846 at 4 oclk P. M.

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Inquiry was made in relation to what had been done towards the liquidation of the debt assumed by Presbytery for Union Seminary:— Whereupon it was ascertained that only about $90. had been collected for that purpose, $71. of which are now in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Rev. Messrs W. A. Hall, J. S. McEntchan and G. M. Gillis were appointed to collect as far as practicable from the delinquent churches the assessments laid for the liquidation of the above debt.

The Rev. Messrs Freeman and J. E. Morrison were appointed to administer the Lords Supper at Philadelphia as soon as convenient.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had examined said Minutes and found nothing particularly claiming the attention of Presbytery:— Whereupon the committee was discharged.

The Rev. D. A. Penick, agent for Foreign Missions reported, that since the last meeting of Presbytery he had collected for that purpose $27.77½

The Rev. A. L. Watts appointed at the last meeting to preach the doctrinal sermon at this time being absent and also his alternate, It was

Resolved, That the Rev. A. L. Watts appointment be continued, and that the Rev. J. S. McEntchan be his alternate.

The Rev. Walter W. Pharr was appointed to preach a sermon on the subject of Popery at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and the Rev. G. Johnston was appointed his alternate.

Presbytery took a recess until 2. o'clock

After recess Presbytery met.

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It was stated to Presbytery that there was present a young man of piety and good talents, desirous of entering the ministry, but whose pecuniary circumstances would not enable him to procure the needful education, who wished to know whether or not Presbytery could give him any aid in carrying out his desires in that respect.

Upon which Messrs Prentiss, Pharr and Hemphill were appointed to confer with this young man in relation to his views in seeking the ministry, his piety talents, &c and to report to Presbytery, with a view to his being taken under our care as a Beneficiary, provided the Committee should report favorably to such a course.

Inquiry was made as to the compliance of the members with the recommendation of Presbytery, that each member should preach a sermon on the Relation and Relative Duties of Master and servant.

A Church organized at Marion, McDowell County, consisting of 3 elders and 15 members, was reported and taken under the care of Presbytery to be known as the Marion church.

A church organized in Cherokee county, consisting of 2 elders and 14 members, was reported and taken under the care of Presbytery to be known as the Hiwassee Church.

The Rev. W. S. Pharr, D. A. Penick, G. Johnston and S. B. O. Wilson were appointed a committee on Education.

The difficulties in the Swannanoa church were called up.— The Rev. Messrs Nash, Murray and Gibbs were appointed to visit that church with a view to the settlement of those difficulties.

The order of the day— the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery— was attended to, according to the order previ-

ously adopted.

The Committee to which was referred the overture from the Sesion of New Hope, presented a report which was accepted, and laid on the table for future action.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Mission, reported that they had done as directed, and found said accounts correctly kept and accompanied with proper vouchers, and that according to said accounts the Presbytery is indebted to the Treasurer, $7.37.- Which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Missions reported on the petition from Mountain Creek, recommending that inasmuch as there are no funds to employ additional missionaries, the Rev. Messrs Nash, Murray and Gibbs, be each directed to spend one sabbath at that church, between this time and the next regular meeting of Presbytery, and that the Lords Supper be administered by one or more of them as may be agreed on amongst themselves:- Which report was accepted and adopted.

The same Committee presented their annual report, which being read, was accepted and approved.

It was ordered that a Missionary meeting be held this evening, immediately after the sermon on Popery, when the annual report of the Committee on Missions shall be read to the congregation and a collection in behalf of domestic missions taken.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock.

After recess Presbytery met.

The sermon on Popery was delivered by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read, an address on the subject of Missions delivered, and a collection taken.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday 8 o'clock A.M. Oct. 14

Presbytery met according to adjournment - constituted with prayer. - Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

It was

Resolved that in view of the indebtedness of Presbytery to its missionaries, the Committee on Missions, be authorized to employ for such time as they see fit, any one of our missionaries as an agent to visit the churches for the collection of missionary funds.

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr William S. Moore - the young man proposed to Presbytery yesterday as a Beneficiary, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and were so well satisfied as to his views in seeking the ministry, his piety and talents as to feel clear in recommending that he be taken under the care of Presbytery as a Beneficiary:- Which report was accepted and adopted, and the committee on Education directed to take him under their care.

It was

Resolved, That in the present circumstances of the church on Lowrance, the Presbytery does not feel authorized to expend missionary funds in supporting the gospel amongst them, and that unless these difficulties

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can be settled by the Committee appointed for that purpose, the missionary committee have power to do as they think proper, in relation to the continuance of missionary aid.

The Rocky River overture was called up.

A substitute for the report of the committee on that subject presented to Presbytery last spring, was offered.

On motion the whole subject was deferred for action at the next regular sessions of Presbytery.

It was

(Resolved) That we tender to the people of Lincolnton our thanks for their kindness and hospitality to our members during our present sessions.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer, to meet in Charlotte, Friday, November the 7th at 11. o'clk A.M. Concluded with singing, prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. S. McButcheon, St. Clerk

N.B. The following members were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for absence, viz

Rev. W. S. Pharr
" R. H. Morrison D.D.
" S. Williamson
" C. Johnston
" J. Kerr
" J. LeRoy Davies
" A. L. Watts
" A. G. Lockridge
" D. Lindley

Rev. T. P. Johnston
" J. C. Morrison
" J. F. W. Freeman
" F. K. Nash
" H. B. Cunningham
" W. W. Pharr
" S. B. C. Wilson

Charlotte N.C. November 7. 1845. 11. o'clk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. H. B. Cunningham the last Moderator present took the chair. Presbytery was constituted with prayer. — (Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Walter S. Pharr	William McGinnis
" H. A. Pharr	Hugh McGray
" J. LeRoy Davies	John F. McCorkle
" A. L. Watts	Andrew Boyd
" J. S. McButcheon	Alex. Graham
" J. C. Morrison	Robt. D. Alexander
" J. M. Wilson	Thos. A. Allison
" J. F. W. Freeman	Wm. Maxwell
" H. B. Cunningham	Ira Parks
" E. F. Rockwell	
" W. W. Pharr	

A letter was received from the Rev. A. G. Lockridge assigning reasons for absence from the regular meeting of Presbytery, asking a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between him and the congregation of Back Creek, and also a dismission from this Presbytery to connect himself with that of Cherokee also tendering his report as Treasurer of the Committee of Education.

Mr. Lockridge's reasons for absence were sustained.

The elder from Back Creek, informed Presbytery that he was authorized by that congregation to consent to the dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between that church and the Rev. A. G. Lockridge —

Whereupon it was

(Resolved) That the Pastoral Relation between the Rev. A. G. Lockridge and the congregation of Back Creek be and it hereby is dissolved and that congre-

gation declared vacant.

It was also

Resolved, That the request of the Rev. A. Y. Lockridge, for a dismission to join the Presbytery of Cherokee, be granted.

The Rev. D. A. Penick and the Rev. J. E. Morrison and Mr. N. L. Alexander were appointed to a committee to audit the accounts of the Rev. A. Y. Lockridge as Treasurer of the Committee of Education.

A communication was received from a number of individuals in the neighbourhood known as the New Union neighbourhood praying the organization of a church at that place — which communication was docketed.

Presbytery took a recess until two o'clock.

After recess Presbytery met.

The following members appeared and took their seats, viz:

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Wm. A. Hall	John Wolfe
" D. A. Penick	John Morrison
" S. Williamson	Thos. A. Bell
" Geo. M. Gibbs	
" R. H. Morrison D. D.	
" J. M. D. Adams	
" W. A. Morrison	
" J. D. Hall	

The Rev. C. Johnston forwarded to Presbytery his reasons for absence from our last regular meeting, which reasons were regarded as satisfactory.

The Rev. Messrs McEwen, Colton, McNair McKay and Baker members of Fayetteville Presb. being present were invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion in our bounds, to be presented to Synod, reported a Narrative, which being read was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be presented to Synod.

The Report of the Committee on the overture from the Session of New Hope was called up. — Which report after consideration was adopted and is as follows viz:

The Committee to which was referred the overture from the Session of New Hope church touching intercommunion with the Independant Presbyterian Church, report the following minute, which they recommend for the adoption of Presbytery viz:

Whereas the General Assembly of 1843 passed a resolution, based on information received that the body of Independant Presbyterians had renounced the errors of their leader M. C. Davis, by which resolution intercommunion with that body was left discretionary with the Presbytery of Bethel,

Whereas also this Presbytery is informed that subsequently to that action of the General Assembly, a convention of the Independant Presbyterians, has distinctly declared their undiminished adherence to the peculiar views and doctrines of M. C. Davis. Therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of Presbytery our people will act wisely in adhering to the restrictions of the Gen. Assembly of 1833 on this subject.

D. A. Penick
Stephen Frontis
J. A. Gillespie

The Rev. J. M. Wilson returned to Presbytery the call put into his hand at our regular meeting, asking the advice of Presbytery in relation to his removal.

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Whereupon the subject was taken up. A communication was received from Morganton Church giving their reasons for pleading the translation of the Rev. J. M. Wilson.

Statements were also heard from the representative of Mr. Wilson's present charge in opposition to his removal.

After due consideration and solemn prayer to Almighty God for direction, it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery replace in the hands of Mr. Wilson the above calls, with the advice of Presbytery that he accept it.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was presented and approved by Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Education, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and find said accounts correctly kept and accompanied with proper vouchers, and that there is now in the Treasury $16. subject to the order of Presbytery. Which report was accepted.

The Rev. W. A. Penick was appointed Treasurer of the Committee on Education and the funds now in the Treasury ordered to be put into his hands.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at the call of the Moderator.

J. S. McEutchan Stated Clk.

Synod of N.C. in sessions at Charlotte Nov 8th 1845 Then examined and approved

J. Williamson Mod.r

(Charlotte)

Charlotte Nov. 8. 12. o'clock M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator – constituted with prayer.

(Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Wm. S. Pharr	
" W. A. Penick	Thos. A. Allison
" J. Williamson	Thos. A. Bell
" H. A. Pharr	John Wolfe
" R. H. Morrison D. D.	W. S. Allison
" J. LeRoy Davies	James Pharr
" A. L. Watts	Thos. Price
" J. S. McEutchan	
" J. M. H. Adams	
" J. M. Wilson	
" L. Murray	
" W. A. Hall	
" J. D. Hall	
" W. W. Pharr	
" J. C. Morrison	
" E. F. Rockwell	
" F. K. Nash	
" G. M. Gibbs	

The petition for the organization of a Church at New Union was called up, – when it was,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Messrs H. A. Pharr and Rockwell were appointed to organize a church accordingly.

The Rev. J. M. Wilson signified to Presbytery his acceptance willingness to accept the calls from Morganton provided the way should be opened by a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation now existing between himself and the united churches of Bethany and Zion.

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A paper from the congregations of Bethany and Tabor was read, informing Presbytery that should they see it to be their duty to order Mr. Wilson's translation to Morganton, said congregations would submit to the decision of Presbytery.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Pastoral Relation now existing between Mr. Wilson and the congregations of Bethany and Tabor, be and hereby is dissolved, and said charge declared vacant.

Mr. Wilson signified his acceptance of the call in his hands.

On motion Presbytery declined making arrangements for Mr. Wilson's installation as pastor of the Morganton congregation until the next regular meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a pastoral letter, reported a letter which was accepted and adopted.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Monday, Nov. 10.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator

The Rev. Messrs Adams and J. M. Wilson were appointed to administer the Lord's Supper at Back Creek church as soon as convenient.

On motion the members were each directed to pay to the Treasurer $1.00 for the contingent expenses of Synod.

It was

Resolved, That after the expiration of the present year of each of our missionaries, the Committee on Missions, be limited to $100. in aid of each.

It was, Resolved That so far as this Presbytery is concerned, the Board of Trustees of Davidson College be authorized to elect a Tutor in said College.

It was

Resolved, That in as much as the Synod of N. Carolina, has this day substantially adopted, and resolved to publish as a Pastoral Letter addressed to all the Churches belonging to said Synod, the Letter which we have adopted, we decline its publication as a Presbyterial Letter.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Fourth Creek church on ~~Wednesday~~ Friday 3rd day of April 1846. at 7. o'clock P. M.

J. L. McAuley Mod. Pk

Report to the Synod presented at Charlotte N.C Nov. 7th 1845

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of N. Carolina, that they consist of 29 ministers, and have under their care 53 churches. 1 Licentiate and 2 candidates that on the 9th of Feb. 1845 they lost by death the Rev. J. B. Davies: that on the 26th of March 1845 they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John M. M. Caldwell to the congregation of Sugar Creek, and declared that congregation vacant— that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. John M. M. Caldwell with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of Cherokee; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Thos. E. Davis, a licentiate under our care, to put himself under the care of the Presb. of ~~Lexington~~ Holston, also on the same day Mr. Robt. A. Davis a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presb. of Lexington— that on the 11th of October 1845— they dismissed Mr. Richd C. Sherrill a candidate for the gospel ministry to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. S. Toontis and the congregation at Salisbury; that on this Nov 7. they have dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. G. Lockridge and the congregation of Back Creek, and at the same time dismissed Mr. Lockridge with a view to a connexion with the Presbytery of Cherokee.

By order of Presbytery
J. S. McEutchan St. Clk

Signed
Charlotte N.C. Nov 7. 1845

Fourth Creek Chh. N.C. Friday Apr. 3. 1846

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 7 o'clock P. M. — In the absence of the Moderator Presbytery was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Matter S. Phare from Zech. 4:6 After sermon was also called to preside until a Moderator should be chosen. Presbytery was constituted with prayer.

Present Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Matter S. Phare	
" Cyrus Johnston	
" D. A. Phare	William Morrison
" Danl. A. Penick	Alexander McClanahey
" M. A. Gallt	Isaac A. Witherspoon
" J. S. McEutchan	Robt. M. Alexander
" J. M. D. Adams	Jacob Crider
" J. C. Morrison	Jno F. Phifer
" J. D. Gallt	Thos. Kincaid
" John M. Millson	
" L. Murray	Jacob A. Ramseur
" E. F. Rockwell	Thos. D. McRorie
" M. M. Phare	
" Geo. M. Gibbs	
	David Parks
	John Troupe
	John M. Young
	Wm F. White

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers. When the Rev. M. M. Phare was chosen Moderator and the Rev. J. M. D. Adams, Temporary Clerk.

The General Rules for Judicatories as adopted by Presbytery having been read to the Moderator elect he took his seat.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at half past 8 o'clock

Saturday morning half past 8

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday evening. Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Messrs J. F. & Freeman. W. B. Cunningham & John LeRoy Davies appeared and having given reasons for tardiness took their seats. also Elders. Bk. & Davis Ebenezer McNeely & D. Ramsay

The Minutes of Presbytery at its last regular sessions and also at its adjourned meeting in Charlotte were read.

The members absent from the last regular sessions & now present gave reasons for absence and were severally excused.

The Rev. I. A. Wallace of the Presb of Richmond and the Rev. Thos. C. Davis of the Presbytery of Holston being present were invited to sit with us as corresponding members.

The Rev. Sol. C. Morrison applied for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the congregation of Bethphage, the Rev. J. S. McEatchen for the dissolution of that existing between him and the congregation of Goshen and the Rev. S. Johnston for the dissolution of that existing between him and the congregations of Providence and Sharon, and these several congregations having duly informed Presbytery of their consent to the dissolutions applied for by their several pastors, their relations were all accordingly dissolved and said Chs declared vacant.

The following calls for the pastoral services of

different members of Presbytery were presented and being found in due form were put for consideration into the hands of those to whom they were severally addressed. Viz.

1. From the congregation of Charlotte to the Rev. Symes J. Hairston
2. From the congregation of Bethphage to the Rev. W. W. Pharr for ½ of his time
3. From the congregation of Zion to the Rev. J. S. McEatchen for ½ of his time.

The congregation of Bethany applied to Presbytery for leave to employ the Rev. J. S. McEatchen as Stated Supply ½ of his time until such time as they may see their way clear to present a call. This request was granted.

A communication was received from the Rev. F. K. Nash requesting a dismission from this Presbytery with a view to a connexion with that of Fayetteville: Which request was granted.

The following committees were appointed viz

1. On Devotional Exercises, Messrs Rockwell, Wilson & McRonie
2. On the Minutes of Synod, Messrs Johnston and Phifer.
3. To take notes on the Free Conversation on the state of religion in the bounds of Presbytery and prepare a Narrative of the same Messrs Penick, W. S. Pharr and Alexander.

It was made the order of the day for monday 11 o'clk A.M. to hear the sermon on Popery.

Certain resolutions in reference to the Pastoral Relation were offered to Presbytery and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs W. S. Pharr, Cunningham and Parks.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following arrangement, which was adopted viz:

1. That these exercises take place this afternoon at 2 o'clk
2. That they be conducted in the following order viz

1. Singing & prayer by the Rev. S. Murray.
2. Reading the Sacred Scriptures, by Rev. W. A. Hall.
3. Address by the Rev. S. Johnston.
4. Singing by the Rev. J. F. & Freeman.
5. Benediction by the Moderator.

[illegible] & J. F. Phifer [illegible]

A communication was received from the Board of Trustees of Davidson College in reference to such a change in the Constitution of said College in relation to the time of closing the winter sesion, as to make that sesion close on the Friday after the 1st. monday in March.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the question of the proposed change in the Constitution of Davidson College, lie on the table as required in said Constitution, until our next regular meeting.

The following preamble and resolution were laid before Presbytery and adopted, viz:

Whereas the Committee appointed by Presbytery at Steel Creek Chh. touching several proposed changes in the Constitution of Davidson College, has failed thus far to report on the points referred to them, and inasmuch as said Committee is not present,

Resolved. That the aforesaid Committee be discharged and a new Committee be appointed on these Constitutional questions and that this Committee be required to report at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Mesprs. Penick, Rockwell and Chs W. Harris were appointed said committee.

The Committee appointed to organize a Chh at New Union reported, that in discharge of the duty assigned them, they had organized a church consisting of 16. members.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

A paper from the Sesion of Bethphage Chh. referring to Presb. for final adjudication the case of Mr Martin Shive, who had recently married the sister of his deceased wife, was laid before Presbytery.

On motion it was

Resolved, That Presbytery will take up the case referred to it.

Mesprs. C. Johnston, Jas. C. Morrison and J. A. Witherspoon were appointed a Committee to arrange the whole matter for Presbyterial action, with instructions to report thereon as early as practicable.

On motion, the overture from Rocky River sesion in relation to the running of machinery, in mining operations on the sabbath day, was taken up.

All the papers in relation to the subject were read.

After considerable discussion Presbytery took a recess until 2. o'clock.

After recess, Presbytery met.

The order of the day – the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery were attended to.

Rev. Mesprs A. L. Watts, and J. C. McPherson appeared in Presbytery, rendered reasons for tardiness and took their seats.

Mr. R. H. Lafferty a licentiate from the Presb. of Harmony S. C. presented a certificate of dismission from said Presb. with a view to being taken under the care of this.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That said certificate be accepted and Mr R. H. Lafferty be taken under our care as a licentiate.

The following Committees were appointed on the several sesion Books sent up for review, viz:

On the Rocky River Sesion Book, Mesprs Johnston & Alexander

" " Joppa & Unity — " Mesprs H. A. Pharr & W. Morrison

" " Goshen — " C. A. Hall & Witherspoon

" " Third Creek " J. L. P. Davies & McLafferty

" " Concord Town " " McCutcheon & Ramsay

" " Franklin " " Adams & Phifer

" " Lincolnton " " J. E. Morrison & Duncan

" " Fourth Creek " " J. D. Hall & Parks

" " Poplar Tent & Bethphage " " Wilson and Hooper

" Philadelphia & Union " " Freeman & Young

" Ramah — — " Murray & White

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As the books for Providence and Sharon .. Messrs Penick & Harris.
.. .. .. Concord " Cunningham & E. McKnitt.
.. .. .. Back Creek .. " G. M. Gibbs, Ramsay
.. .. .. Steele Creek .. " McPherson & J. H. McKnitt
.. .. Sensibile & Siloam " A. L. Watts.

The unfinished business, the overture from the Rocky River Session was resumed. The substitute offered at Lincolnton was adopted as an answer to the queries overtured which is as follows. viz:

"In answer to the overture from the Session of Rocky River Chh. touching the running of machinery on the sabbath day, in mining operations, after much deliberation, Presbytery would make the following reply.

In view of the present state of mining operations in this country, with all the light which is possessed on that subject, in view of the facilities for living in this country, and especially in view of the scripture injunctions and scripture example touching the observance of the sabbath, Presbytery cannot regard labour on the sabbath day in such mining operations as this country as either a work of mercy or necessity. It must therefore be regarded as a breach of the sabbath. At the same time Presb. would not say that there may not be times, places and circumstances, which may constitute a fair exception to this general rule, in which cases the Sessions of the churches must exercise sound discretion.

The Presbytery, nevertheless feel constrained to put the churches and people under their care specially on their guards, touching any action in relation to the non-observance of the sabbath in mining establishments lest they license or encourage the desecration of that holy day."

A calls from the congregation of Sugar Creek for

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The pastoral services of Mr. R. W. Lafferty was laid before Presbytery, and being found in due form was put into his hands for consideration.

It was

Resolved, That Presb. will hold a free conversation on the state of religion in our churches with a view to the preparation of a narrative, this evening at 7 o'clock.

The time for hearing the Doctrinal Sermon, was called up, when it appeared that neither principals nor alternate was prepared.

It was Resolved That the same appointment, the Rev A. L. Watts principals and Rev J. L. McCutchan alternate be continued for said sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the appointment of Commissioners to the next Gen. Assembly, when the Rev J. F. W. Freeman and Mr. John F. Phifer, Ruling Elder in the Chh. in Concord Town, were chosen principals, and Rev. W. W. Pharr, and Daniel Coleman Esq. Ruling Elder in the Chh of Concord Town, alternates.

Messrs Harris, McCutchan, Adam and Alexander had leave of absence from the Session of this evening.

Presb. took a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

After Recess Presbytery met.

The order of the day was taken up & a free conversation on the state of religion in our churches was held.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported that they find nothing in said minutes claiming the attention of Presbytery which report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Messrs. J. Linster, Pharr, and Lafferty severally signified, their acceptance of the calls put into their hands.

The following arrangements were made for the installation of the former two, and if the way be clear, for the ordination and installation of the latter.

1. That the Rev R. W. Morrison D. D. and Rev W. B. Cunningham

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be a Committee to install Mr. Johnston, pastor of the congregation in Charlotte, on the saturday preceding the 4th saba & sabbath in May— That the former preach the sermon, preside and give the charge to the pastor and the latter give the charge to the people.

2. That Rev. Messrs Penick, J. B. A. Wilson and Jas C. Monison be a Committee to install Mr Pharr pastor of Bethphage congregation on saturday before the 4th sabbath in May— that Mr Penick preach the sermon and preside, Mr Wilson deliver the charge to the pastor and Mr Monison to the people.

3. It was Resolved, That Presb. will meet at Sugar Creek Ch on friday before the 4th sabb. of April at 11 o'clk. A. M. with a view, if the way be clear, to the ordination of Mr Lafferty and his installation as pastor of Sugar Creek congregation.

Mr. Lafferty was directed to prepare a sermon on 1 Tim. 1:15

In case Presb. should proceed to the proposed ordination and installation, at the above time, the following arrangements were made. viz That Rev. Jas Monison, with Rev. J. A. Penick as his alternate, preach the sermon and preside, the Rev. C. Johnston give the charge to the pastor & the Rev A. L. Watts to the people.

In accordance with the call previously accepted by the Rev. J. M. Wilson from the congregation of Morganton. Rev. Messrs Rockwell, & H. A. Pharr were appointed to install him pastor of said congregation, the former to preach the sermon, the latter preside and deliver the charges to the pastor and people.

Presb. adjourned with prayer to meet at half past 8 o'clock monday morning.

Monday morning Apr. 6 half past 8 o'clk

Presb. met Constituted with prayer— Presents as on saturday.

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The case of reference from the Sessions of Bethphage Ch. was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Messrs Watts, Rockwell and Snider were appointed a committee of supplies.

The following persons were appointed Trustees of Davidson to serve four years. viz:

Rev. J. M. Wall	Mr Wm. L. Davidson
" J. M. A. Adams	" Ch. M. Harris
" J. S. McCutchan	" Robt. Potts
" H. B. Cunningham	" M. A. Caldwell
	Mr. Wm. B. Maclean

Rev. A. G. Lockridge having removed from our bounds, Rev. C. F. Rockwell was appointed Trustee of D. College in his stead.

The committee on the case of reference from the Session of Bethphage, reported & their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows viz.

"The Committee on the reference from the Session of Bethphage Ch, respectfully submit the following report viz:

1. The reference contains a charge of Incest against Mr. Martin Shinn, consisting in the fact that on the 11th day of November 1845, he had married the sister of his deceased wife.— Mr Shinn admits the fact of his having so married, but denies the charge

2. The Session of said Ch. with the consent of the accused, for special reasons, refers the case to Presb. for final adjudication.

3. That when the Presb. take up the case the Committee recommend that.

1. The reference containing the charge be read.
2. That Mr. Shinn be heard in defence of his conduct.
3. That the Roll be called and the members individually be allowed to express their opinion in the case.
4. That Presb. express their final judgment in the case.

The several committees on Session Books reported on the Books severally put into their hands for examination. Their

reports were accepted, and adopted and the books approved, with the exceptions ordered to be recorded in such as were found faulty.

It was

Resolved, That Presb. will hold its next regular sessions at Franklin Ch. Rowan Co. commencing on Friday the 25th of September next at 11 o'clock A.M.

The Rev. C. Johnston, with Rev. J. L. Roy Davies his alternate, was appointed to preach the sermon on Popery at our next regular sessions.

Messrs Parks, Ramsey & J. F. McNeely obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

On motion. The Rev. J. S. McCutchan was added to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Presb. had a recess until 2 o'clk P.M.

After recess Presb. met.

The Committee on supplies presented a report which was accepted, and after amendment, adopted and is as follows viz:

The Committee on supplies would recommend the following arrangement viz:

That Messrs McCutchan & J. D. Hall administer the Lords supper at Olney & New Hope

That Messrs Lafferty and Watts administer the Lords supper at Lebanon.

That Messrs Cunningham & Williamson administer the Lords supper at Providence.

That Messrs. Johnston, Freeman & W. Wilson administer the Lords Supper at Sharon.

That Messrs Johnston, Freeman and Williamson administer the Lords supper at Goshen.

That Messrs Freeman, J. M. Wilson & Murray spend two weeks in the churches of Rutherford Co. & administer

the Lords Supper.

That Messrs W. A. Hall & J. R. Davies spend two weeks in Haywood Co.
" " Adams & N. A. Pharr " two " " Wilkes Co.
" " J. C. Monroe & Penick " two " " Stanly Co.
" " W. W. Pharr & Rockwell " two " " Buncombe Co.
" " W. S. Pharr & Gillis two " " Yancey Co.
" " Cunningham & R. H. Morrison D.D. one " " Cleveland Co.

The reference from the session of Bethphage being the order of the day was taken up.

The Moderator reminded Presbytery of its high character as a court of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Messrs J. M. Wilson & J. A. Wallace were at the solicitation of the accused appointed to manage his cause.

The reference was read. According to the order previously adopted,

1. The reference was read.
2. The accused, & the persons appointed for that purpose was heard in vindication of his conduct.
3. The roll was called that each member might express his views of the case.

After a few members had been called on Presb. took a recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

After recess Presb. met.

The calling of the roll was resumed and completed.

As a vote taken as to sustaining or not sustaining the charge of incest, it appeared that the charge was unanimously sustained, with the exception of 4 non-jurists.

4. The final judgment of Presb. in the case was expressed in the following resolutions viz:

1. Resolved. That it is a matter of deep regret that our General Assembly should have continued to evidence so much want of firmness in maintaining a consistent discipline

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is relation to offenders touching the marriage question.
2. Resolved. That the marriage of a sister-in-law has a tendency to moral impunity, is revolting to the feelings of many Christian people, is expressly forbidden in the Confession of Faith (Chap. 24. Sec. IV) drawn up more than two hundred years ago, by the venerable Assembly of Divines at Westminster and adopted again and again by the Presbyterian Chh. in the United States of America and in Scotland, and is contrary to the words of God.
3. Resolved. That the Session of Bethphage Chh. be and hereby is directed to suspend Mr. Martin Shinn from the ordinances of the Church, until he give evidence of repentance and reformation.

Rev. D. A. Penick agent in the bounds of this Presb. in behalf of Foreign Missions reported that since the last Spring sessions he had received for that object as follows. viz:

From Bethphage Chh	$ 18	50	From W. Steele	$ 2	00
" Fourth Creek "	15	00	" College Chh	17	00
" Goshen	7	50	" Hopewell	3	
" Wm. Steele	2	00	" Long Creek	13	
" Prospect	5	25	" Back Creek	5	21
Coll. at Charlotte at Synod	44	50	" Zion	8	
	$ 64	75	" Sugar Creek	7	45
From Joppa	10		" Ebenezer	6	17½
" Unity	8		" Poplar Tent	20	10
" Ebenezer	7	87½	" Bethphage	6	80
" Thyatira	9	40	" Ytts Creek	23	60
" Providence	8	00	" Ytts Creek	11	87
" Rev. M. L. Pharr	10			$ 113	23½
	$ 138	02½		1	25
				2	27
Of the above there has been transmitted to S. Wells Tr				$ 64	75
Leaving now in the hands of the agent				$ 176	51

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The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Presb. reported a narrative which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly.

One of the Committee appointed to settle certain difficulties in the Damascus Church reported that he had visited that congregation and thought the difficulties settled.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

It was.

Resolved. That the thanks of Presb. be tendered to the citizens of Statesville and the vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during our present sessions, and that the Rev. Mr. Rockwell be and he hereby is requested to publish the same to his people.

The Rev. J. LRoy Davies stated to Presbytery that he understood there were sundry reports in circulation in regards to himself and calculated to injure his standing both as a man and a minister and desired of Presbytery the appointment of a committee to investigate the character, extent and foundation of these reports.

Whereupon the following minute was adopted. viz:

Inasmuch as sundry reports are afloat in the community in regards to the conduct of the Rev. J. LRoy Davies, injurious both to the character of Mr. Davies and to the interests of religion and inasmuch as Mr. Davies has requested an investigation of said rumours. Therefore

Resolved. That Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. M. L. Pharr & Mr. D. A. Caldwell be and hereby are appointed a committee to make diligent inquiry as to what may be the character of these reports, how extensive may be their circulation and on what foundation they rest & to report the result of their investigation to Presbytery at its next regular meeting.

Presb. adjourned with prayer to meet at Sugar Creek Chh. on friday 24th inst. at 11 o'clock A. M.

J. L. McEwen Stated Clerk.

N.B. The following members were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz:

Rev. Saml. Williamson	Rev. D. Lindley
" S. Frontis	" J. P. Johnston
" Jas. Kerr	" M. T. Morrison
	" S. B. C. Wilson.

Report of Presb. Concord to Gen. Assembly April 1846

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Gen. Assembly that they consist of 27 ministers and have under their care 55 churches, 4 Licentiates & 2 candidates.

That during the last year we have dismissed the Rev. A. G. Lockridge to connect himself with the Presb. of Cherokee & the Rev. F. K. Nash to connect himself with the Presb. of Fayetteville.

That they have dissolved the following pastoral relations viz:

That between the Rev. S. Frontis and the congregation at Salisbury

" " " Rev. J. C. Monison " " Bethpage

" " " " J. S. McEntire " " Goshen

" " " A. G. Lockridge " " Hackbuck

" " " " C. Johnston " " Providence & Pleasant

That they have organized three new churches.

That they have received under their care as a Licentiate Mr. Henry R. Mr. R. H. Lafferty &

Statesville April 4. 1846. By order of Presbytery

J. S. McEntire St. Clerk

Ministers, Licentiates & Candidates	Churches	Post Office Address	Communicants: Added on Examination	Added by Letter	Total	Baptized: Adults	Infants	Funds collected: Dom. Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Theol. Sem.	Common	Contingent	Miscellaneous	
Rev. N. J. Pharr P.	Mallard Creek P. Ramah S.S.	Mill Grove N.C.	12	1	257		12	2.35						1.00		
" R. D. Morrison D.D. S.S.	Unity (Lincoln) S.S.	Cottage Home, Lincoln N.C.	5		80		6	30.	30					.50		
" Sam'l Williamson Pres.	College Church	Davidson College N.C.			20											
" Stephen Ventis N.C.	Providence C. Sharon C.	Salisbury N.C.	16	2	211	3										
" Cyrus Johnston S.S.	Charlotte S.S.	Charlotte N.C.	1		58											
" H. N. Pharr P.	Concord, Salem & Smyrna P.	Statesville N.C.	1.		210		6							1.50		
" D. A. Penick P.	Rocky River P.	Pioneer Mills N.C.	30	3	471	7	42	72	60					.50		
" Jas. Kerr N.C.	Bethel C. Barnesville C.	Lexington Ga			53											
" J. LRoy Davies P.	Centre & Prospect	Mount Monroe N.C.	19	2	286	4	31	5.25	5.25			6		.50		
" M. A. Hall P.	Joppa & Unity (Rowan) P.	Mocksville N.C.			170									.50		
" A. L. Crabb P.	Steele Creek & Pleasant Hill P.	Whitehall N.C.	24	2	231	11	19					11.		.50		
" Dan'l Lindley F. M.	Little Britain & Bethlehem	Port Natal. Africa			100											
" J. S. McCutchen S.S.	Bethany & Salem S.S.	Bethany Church N.C.			200									.75		
" Thos. P. Johnston F. M.	Bethlehem & Hope C. Asbury C.	Cabenda, Western Africa	8	2	200											
" J. M. W. Adams P.	Third Creek P.	Cowanesville N.C.	7		174		14									
" J. C. Morrison P	Concord Town P.	Concord N.C.	3	1	75		3	23				5		.50		
" J. A. Hall P.	Thyatira & Franklin P.	Salisbury N.C.			265											
" S. B. O. Wilson Prof.	Duncan's Creek, N. Hanover	Davidson College N.C.			36.											
" J. M. Wilson S.S.	Morganton S.S.	Morganton N.C.			80									.50		
" Jno. A. Morrison D.D.	Swannanoa & Rhenis Ch. S.S.	Swannanoa N.C.			30											
" F. H. W. Freeman N.C.	Asheville C. Hickberry C.	Charlotte N.C.														
" S. Murray S.S.	Lincolnton & Long Creek	Lincolnton N.C.	1	3	73	1						4		.		40.00
" H. B. Cunningham P.	Hopewell & Paw Creek P.	Alexandriana	15	1	310	3	12	10	3.	.1				.50		20
" C. F. Rockwell P.	Fourth Creek P.	Statesville N.C.	7	3	78		15	29	11.		25			1.00	2 Copperheads	
" J. C. McPherson S.S.	Ebenezer S.S. Dimmocks	Franklin N.C.	5		78	3		6.17½						.50		
" M. M. Pharr P.	Poplar Tent & Bethphage P.	Concord N.C.			280									.50		
" G. M. Gillis S.S. 27	Danville, Siloam, Marion S.S.	Marion N.C.	7	15	45	1	1		4.50					.50		30
Licentiates	Lebanon S.S.				40											
A. D. McNeely	Philadelphia & Union S.S.		12	1	230	4	20									
R. D. Lafferty 2.	Salisbury S.S.				80									.50		
	Rock Creek S.S				200											
Candidates 2.	Sugar Creek S.S.		15		300	2	11	10.50	7.45							

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Sugar Creek Chh. Apr. 24. 1846

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 11. oclock A. M. — Constituted with prayer — Present. Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. W. M. Phar. H. B. Cunningham & Ruling Elder. J. S. McNeely.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham was chosen Temp. Clerk.

On motion the Rev. W.C. Sutton. of Orange Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

It was. Resolved. That Presbytery proceed to the examination of Mr. R. H. Lafferty with a view to his ordination.

Mr. Lafferty was directed immediately to deliver his trial sermon in the presence of the congregation.

After sermon the Presbytery retired to the Sessions house.

Rev. D. A. Penick appeared and took his seat.

Rev. J. Hunter of the Associate Reformed Church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery then proceeded with the examination of Mr. Lafferty. — He was examined on Experimental Religion. and his views in seeking the Ministry. Also on Natural Philosophy. Astronomy and Theology.

Rev D. A. Penick obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mr. Isaac Alexander this evening at six oclock.

Mr. Alexanders 6. oclk P. M.

Presbytery met. Rev. C. Johnston appeared and took his seat.

The examination of Mr. Lafferty was continued.

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He was examined on Moral and Mental Science, Church History. Church Government. the Sacraments and the Greek and Hebrew Languages.

It was on motion. Resolved.

1. That all the parts of Mr. Lafferty's examination be, and hereby they are sustained.
2. That at 11. oclock A. M. to-morrow Presbytery will proceed to ordain Mr. Lafferty and install him Pastor of the congregation of Sugar Creek.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Sugar Creek Church to-morrow morning at 11. oclock.

Sugar Creek Chh. Ap. 25. 1846 11. oclock

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as before.

Rev. A. L. Watts appeared and took his seat.

Presbytery proceeded to the Ordination and Installation of Mr. Lafferty.

The different parts of service were performed by the several members previously appointed for that purpose.

The Moderator then declared the Rev. R. H. Lafferty regularly constituted Pastor of Sugar Creek congregation.

Mr. Lafferty on invitation took his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer to meet at Franklin Church on the last Friday of September next at 11. oclk A. M.

J. S. McCutchan M.C.lk.

Thus far Examined & approved by The Synod of North Carolina in Session in Greensboro Octr 1st 1846

Drury Lacy Clod:

Franklin Chh. Rowan Co. Friday Sept. 25 1846

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 11 oclock A.M. Apened in the absence of the Moderator with a sermon by the Rev. J. E. McPherson the last Moderator present. from Rom. 1:16

Constituted with prayer— (Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Stephen Frontis	Mortimer D. Johnston
" C. Johnston	Andw Gray
" H. R. Pharr	Wm R. Everitt
" J. LeRoy Davies	David Ramsay
" Wm A. Hall	Thos. Burke
" J. S. McButcheon	John F. Phifer
" J. M. H. Adams	Alexr Lowrance
" J. E. Morrison	E. J. Erwin
" J. D. Hall	Robert S. Young
" L. Murray	Jas. Todd
" E. F. Rockwell	Ch. F. Alexander
" J. E. McPherson	D. A. Davis.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of offiers. when the Rev. H. R. Pharr was chosen Moderator and the Rev. J. M. H. Adams Tem. Clerk.

The Rev. Archibald Baker of the Presbytery of Fayetteville and the Rev. W. L. Langdon of the Cumberland Presbn Church, Agent of the Am. & F.B. Bible societies being present were invited to sit as corresponding members

The Minutes of the last regular meeting and also of the meeting at Sugar Creek were read.

Absentees from the last regular meeting were called on for their excuses.

The several Committees appointed to install the Revs. Messrs J. M. Wilson, W. R. Pharr and C. Johnston, reported

that the duty apigned, had been attended to in each case.

The members of Presbytery were called on to answer whether or not they had fulfilled the appointments severally apigned them as supplies.

The Rev. W. L. Phau appeared in Presbytery and having given reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Mr Jas. Query a ruling elder appeared and took his seat.

All papers to be laid before Presbytery were called for. When the following were presented viz

1. A call from the Congregation of Bethany for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. S. Mebutchan for one half of his time, which being found in order was put into his hands for consideration.

2. A paper purporting to be a complaint touching the action of the Synod of Centre Church, in the case of Mr Robert Ramsay, the complainant, which having been announced by the Moderator, was laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Richard C. Sherrill a candidate for the ministry, who had a year ago taken a dismipion from this Presbytery to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, appeared before Presbytery, stated that he had been providentially prevented from the execution of his purpose of putting himself under the care of the aforenamed Presbytery, and desired to be again recognised as a candidate under our care.

Whereupon it was

Resolved that Mr R. C. Sherrill be and hereby is permitted to return his dismipion and that he be and hereby is again recognised as under our care.

Mr Thaddeus C. Crawford a student in the Theol. Seminary at Columbia S. C. was introduced to Presbytery

as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

After examination as to Mr Crawfords regular connexion with our church, his experimental acquaintance with religion and his views in seeking the ministry, it was,

Resolved. That the examination of Mr Crawford is satisfactory and that he is hereby taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

The following parts of trials preparatory to licensure were apigned to Mr Crawford. viz:

1. A. Latin Exegesis on the Thesis, "Deus Christum ejus verum hominem oportuit.
2. A Critical Exercise on Job 28:7-28
3. A Lecture on 2 Thes. 2:3-12
4. A Popular Sermon on Acts 13:39.

Messrs J. D. Hall, M. A. Hall and Alex. Lowrance were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery.

The Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Prof. M. D. Johnston were appointed a committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

The Doctrinal Sermon was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11. o'clock.

The Committee appointed at the last regular sessions of Presbytery at the request of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, to investigate certain reports in circulation prejudicial to his character both as a minister and as a Christian, was called on to report. When upon the report of said Committee was presented, accepted and the committee discharged.

The above report with the accompanying documents was placed in the hands of a special Committee consisting of the Rev. C. Johnston, & Messrs E. J. Erwin and D. A. Davis, to consider and report to Presbytery, what (if any) position should be made of it.)

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following arrangement, and their report was accepted and

adopted viz:

1. That these exercises take place to-morrow immediately after the usual recess.
2. That when they take place the following order be observed
1. Singing and Prayer by the Rev. W. L. Phar.
2. Reading the Scriptures by the Rev. E. F. Rockwell.
3. Address by the Rev. Archibald Baker
4. Singing and Prayer by the Rev. J. E. Morrison.
5. Benediction by the Moderator.

A report was presented by one member of a committee appointed to consider certain proposed amendments of the constitution of Davidson College, which was read. After some consideration the whole matter was recommitted to the same committee

The paper containing the complaint of Mr Robert Ramsay against the proceedings of the Session of Centre Church, was taken up & having been read was referred, with the proceedings of said Session to a Committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs Wentz & J. E. Morrison and Mr J. S. Phifer to suggest some suitable action thereon.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9. o'clock.

Saturday 9. o'clk A. M. Sep 26.

Presbytery met according to adjournment- Present as on yesterday.

The Rev. J. M. Wilson appeared in Presbytery and having given reasons for tardiness took his seat.

It was on motion, Resolved, That the Rev. W. L. Saygdon, Agent for the Am. & Ab. Bible Societies be heard on the subject of his agency immediately after the address of Mr Baker in the course of the Devotional Exercises.

It was on motion Resolved, That the Treasurer

be and hereby is directed to pay to the Stated Clerk the expenses incurred by him in his office, also money with which to purchase a suitable trunk for containing the papers and records of Presbytery.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that they had found in said Minutes the following items claiming the attention of Presbytery, viz:

1. On page 205 a resolution setting apart the 1st Sabbath of December next as a day of special prayer to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more labourers into the fields, and recommending that on that day every minister preach on some subject connected with the obligations of the Chh. to train up a pious and educated ministry.
2. On page 217. A resolution recommending to Pastors and Churches sessions the introduction of the books of the Board of Publication into their several sabbath schools.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The several items in the above report were taken up: When in relation to the first item, it was,

Resolved 1st That we recommend to the Churches under our care a compliance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, to observe the 1st Sabbath of December next as a day of special prayer that God would raise up and send forth more labourers into his harvest.

2. That we recommend to all our ministers on that day to preach on some topic nearly connected with this subject.

On the second item it was,

Resolved, That we re-iterate to our pastors and sessions the recommendation of the Gen. Assembly in relation to the books of the Board of Publication.

Presbytery heard the Latin Exegeses of Messrs R. E. Sherrill and C. K. Caldwell, two of our candidates for the ministry.

These pieces of trial were referred for examination to Messrs Rockwell and M. D. Johnston.

The Rev. J. S. McButcheon asked permission to retain until the next Stated Session of Presbytery the call from Gabor put into his hands last spring and also that from Bethany put into his hands at this time: Which request was granted.

The Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was presented read and accepted.

With reference to the endowment of D. College and the suggestions of the Board on that subject Presbytery adopted the following resolutions viz:

1. Resolved. That Presbytery being convinced of the importance of the speedy and complete endowment of Davidson College will appoint a committee to confer with the members of Fayetteville Presbytery at the approaching meeting of Synod, on the propriety of sending at a suitable time an agent into the bounds of that Presbytery to complete the endowment of the professorship commenced by that Presbytery.

2. Resolved. That the Board of Trustees be directed to take such steps as they may think necessary for the speedy and complete endowment of Davidson College.

The Rev. Messrs W. S. Pharr, L. Johnston and S. Williamson and Messrs E. J. Erwin and J. F. Phifer were appointed the committee designated in the first of the preceding resolutions.

The Rev. J. A. Wallace of the Presbytery of Chickasaw being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Committee on the complaint of Robert Ramsay against the Sessions of Centre Church, reported and their report was accepted, adopted and is as follows. viz

"The committee appointed on the complaint

of Robert Ramsay against the Sessions of Centre church respectfully submit the following report for the adoption of Presbytery viz:

1. Presbytery is constrained to acknowledge the right of Robert Ramsay to an investigation of his case by the Session.

2. That Rufus Ramsay is censurable for hastily bringing against Robt. Ramsay charges which he has failed to sustain.

3. That the Session has erred in refusing Robert Ramsay an opportunity to clear himself of the charges brought against him.

4. That in as much as Rufus Ramsay acknowledges that he has now no charges against Robert Ramsay, Presbytery recommends that for the peace of the church and the prevention of further scandal, Robert Ramsay do not press his right to an investigation of his case, but be satisfied with the publication before the church, of the above stated fact, that Rufus Ramsay brings no charge against him.

Signed

S. Frontis
J. E. Morrison } Committee
J. F. Phifer

The order of the day, viz hearing the Doctrinal sermon by the Rev. J. S. McButcheon, on Repentance, was attended to.

Presbytery took a recess until 4 o'clock

After recess Presb. met

The committee appointed to examine the Exegeses of Messrs Sherrill and Caldwell, reported, that they had discharged the duty assigned them, and would recommend that they be both sustained as parts of trials.

Their report was accepted and adopted. ✓

The Presbytery then proceeded to the order of the day viz: the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery and hearing the Agent of the Bible Society.

Presbytery granted leave of absence after this evening from the remaining sessions, to Messrs Ramsay & McEntcher.

The time and place of the next regular session of Presbytery was then taken up: Whereupon it was

Resolved, That Presbytery will hold its next regular session at Bethphage Ch. commencing on wednesday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1847. at 11. oclock A. M.

The Committee on the report of the former Committee in the case of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, reported.

Their report was accepted and after serious consideration ~~accepted~~ adopted, and is as follows viz:

"The Committee to whom Presbytery referred the report of a Committee of inquiry appointed at the last Stated Session of Presbytery, in relation to various rumours injurious to the Christian and ministerial character of the Rev. J. LR Davies, have taken said report into consideration, and have come to the conclusion that the whole matter demands most serious and solemn investigation. If these rumours cannot be substantiated the public should know it, that the reproach may be wiped away from the character of brother Davies and this Presbytery. But if they are founded in truth and fact, that also should be generally known, that the character of this Presbytery and the honour of religion may be vindicated, and sustained and blame made to rest upon the guilty. In order, if possible, to reach such a result we recommend the adoption of the following paper, viz:

Common Fame charges the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies with the following offences and crimes viz:

1. Conduct very unbecoming any christian and derogatory to the character of a minister of the gospel in several instances
2. Prevarication and Equivocation.
3. Breach of contract, over-reaching or sharing in trades.
4. False Representation and duplicity.

In support of these general charges common Fame refers,

1. To his conduct as agent of Davidson College.
   Evidences, the Records of the Board of Trustees, and of the Presbyteries of Concord and Bethel.
2. To his conduct in relation to a sample of Sugar obtained from David Parks Esq. of the town of Charlotte, what he said to Parks and to J. Murphy Esq of the town of Salisbury concerning it.
   Witness- D. Parks, J. Murphy, D. C. Owens.
3. To his conduct in relation to a settlement with J. Trotter & C. Averman for repairs done to his Carriage, Barouch or Buggy
   Witnesses- J. Trotter C. Averman and J. Donaldson Esq
4. To his conduct in relation to certain notes.-
   Witnesses- J. H. Smith of Buncombe, J. Carruthers & R. Locke of Rowan and M. D. Johnston of D. College
5. To his conduct respecting a contract for a Buggy with A. McCoy of Lincolnton.
   Witness- A. McCoy.
6. To his statement made to Col. M. Shive in relation to his (Shive's) case of Incest which was acted on at the spring session of this Presbytery; and to his statement made to A. McKee Esq that he had paid Davidson College all that he owed it- that he did not owe the College one cent-
   Witnesses Col. M. Shive and A. McKee Esq.
7. To the fact that he has collected funds for Davidson College, which he has not accounted for with the Treasurer
   Witnesses- J. D. Jenkins, Col L Cowan & J. G. Robinson.

The committee further recommend that a copy of these charges be immediately placed in the hands of the Rev. J. L. Davies; that a Committee of Prosecution be appointed with power to take testimony; that citations to witnesses be issued, and that this case be brought to trials at the next stated sesions.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your Committee.

C. Johnston
E. J. Erwin
J. A. Davis
} Committee

The following persons were appointed a committee of Prosecution in accordance with the above report, viz Rev. Messrs T. A. Pharr, J. E. Morrison & C. F. Rockwell and Mr. Capt. Coleman.

The following paper was introduced by the Rev. J. L. K. Davies and ordered to be spread on the minutes, viz:

'Whereas the undersigned has been informed by brethren in S. Carolina, that a rumour was there circulated that J. LeRoy Davies Agent for collection of funds subscribed in Bethel Presbytery, to Davidson College, had collected a large amount of said funds and applied them to his own use, and had not vouchers to cover said funds, and that reason was the cause of his unwillingness to pay over said funds to the Board of Trustees (of D. College,) when required by said Board to do so. He desires to introduce evidence to exculpate himself from the alone charge, viz:

The Testimony of the auditing committee appointed to audit his books and accounts touching his agency-these; namely, T. A. Pharr D. A. Caldwell, Thomas Robinson and Dr. Stinson.

Signed J. LeRoy Davies.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at this place on monday morning at 9. o'clock.

Monday morning 9. o'clk A.M. 25.

Presbytery met according to adjournment - constituted with prayer - Present as on saturday, except those absent with leave.

The minutes of friday and saturday were read and corrected.

The Rev. R. H. Lafferty appeared in Presbytery and after giving reason for his late appearance took his seat.

The Rev. J. D. Gallt asked the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Thyatira and Franklin. Presbytery being properly informed that these churches consented to said dissolution the request was granted and the congregations of Thyatira and Franklin declared vacant.

A request for supplies from New Union Church was laid before Presbytery: In reply to which it was ordered that Messrs Adams and McEutchen supply that Church each one sabbath and also that that church be and hereby is recommended to devise and if possible execute efficient measures to obtain at least a portion of time from some neighbouring pastor.

It was made the order of the day for 11. o'clock to-day to hear the popular sermon of Mr Caldwell and the lecture of Mr Sherrill.

The Rev. A. L. Watts was continued in his appointment to preach the Doctrinal sermon at the next regular meeting with the Rev. J. M. D. Adams as his alternate.

'In view of the representations made by the Rev. J. E. McPherson in relation to the erection of a house of worship for the Presbyterian Church in the county of Cherokee, it was

Resolved, That each member of the Presb. spread the facts of the case before the people of his charge and solicit

a contribution for the Church Extension cause and report the result at the next regular sepions.

Presbytery proceeds to the order of the day. viz to hear Mr. Caldwells Popular Sermon and Mr Sherills Lecture.

Presbytery took a recess of a half hour.

After Recess- Presbytery met.

The Rev. Messrs H. A. Gallt. J. L. N. Davies & J. C. McPherson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sepions of Presbytery.

The Rev. Messrs Frontis and Lafferty were appointed a Committee to receive written statements from the several members of Presbytery in relation to the state of religion in their respective Churches and congregations, and thereupon to prepare a Narrative to be presented to Synod.

The Stated Clerk of Presbytery was ordered to issue a citation to the Rev. J. L. N. Davies, to be and appear at the next stated sepions of Presbytery, to answer to the several charges against him by public summons as laid down in the report of the committee on his case:- also citations to all such witnesses as are therein named, to substantiate said charges and such other witnesses as may be required by the Committee of Prosecution- and also citations to all witnesses whom the said J. L. N. Davies may desire to have cited in order to his exculpation.

The committee to whom were referred at our last regular sepions, certain resolutions touching the pastoral relation was called on to report- Said Committee not being prepared to report was continued, with the Rev. G. Johnston added to it, and required to report at the next regular sessions.

Presbytery took up the examination of Messrs Caldwell and Sherill with a view to their licensure. After they

were examined on Theology. the examination was suspended for the present.

The report of the Committee of Domestic Mipions was presented, and also the report of the Treasurer of said Committee, which were accepted and the latter referred to E. J. Erwin and R. L. Young as an auditing committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be and hereby are tendered to the people of Franklin congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during its present sepions & that the Rev. I. Frontis be instructed to make this known to the congregation.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in the Presbyterian church in the town of Salisbury this evening at half past 6. o'clock.

Salisbury N.C. Sept. 28th half past 6. o'clk.

Presbytery met according to adjournment- Constituted with prayer.

It was

Resolved, That Presbytery now hear Mr Caldwells Lecture and Mr Sherills Popular Sermon- Which was accordingly done.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at half past 8 o'clock.

Tuesday morning. half past 8 o'clk.

Presbytery met according to adjournment- Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. W. M. Pharr appeared in Presbytery and having assigned reasons for his late appearance took his seat.

The Committee appointed to audit the report of the Treasurer of Domestic the Committee of Dom. Mipions reported that they found his accounts correctly kept and sustained by proper credits and vouchers which

report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

Mr. R. S. Young obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery heard the Critical Exercises of Messrs Sherrill and Caldwell.

Presbytery examined Messrs Sherrill and Caldwell on Literature and Ch. History.

After which it was

Resolved, That Presbytery satisfied with the examinations of Messrs Sherrill and Caldwell, and with all their parts of trials exhibited, will proceed to the licensure of these young men at the close of the present sessions.

The Rev. S. B. O. Wilson was appointed to take charge of the Depository of the Books of the Assembly's Board of Publication at Salem.

The Rev. M. L. Pharr and L. A. Caldwell were appointed to examine the state of said Depository and report at the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery then proceeded to license Messrs Sherrill and Caldwell as probationers for the gospel ministry, of which the following minute was ordered to be made viz: ✓

At Salisbury N.C. on the 29th day of September A.D. 1846, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Richard E. Sherrill and Cyrus K. Caldwell, of their having gone thro' a regular course of Literature, of their good moral characters and of their being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensures, and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion and as to their

proficiency in divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all their parts of trials, and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did and hereby do license the said R. E. Sherrill and C. K. Caldwell to preach the gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

It was on motion,

Resolved, That Mr Sherrill be and hereby is directed to spend one sabbath at Sharon & one at Providence, and that Mr. Caldwell be and hereby is directed to spend one sabbath at Little Britain and one at Ruthinfordton as soon as may be convenient in the way of supplies.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be given to the people of Salisbury for their kindness to its members at this time and that the Rev. A. Baker be requested to make this known to the people.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet in the town of Greensborough during the approaching sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

J. S. McEutchan St. Clerk

Greensboro' N.C. Sept. 30. 2 o'clk P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. M. L. Pharr	Thos. A. Allison
" S. Williamson	Miles M. Bailey
" C. Johnston	Michael Brown
" G. A. Pharr	John F. Phifer

(Greensboro')

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev W. A. Hall	Ebsan Cannon
" J. M. H. Adams	Ch. J. Alexander
" J. C. Monison	
" E. J. Rockwell	
" J. S. McPherson	
" G. M. Gibbs	
" R. N. Lafferty	

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion in our bounds presented a Narrative, which being read, was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be presented to Synod.

Presbytery had a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Act 3. o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Present as before with the addition of the Rev. J. S. McCutchan.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk publish in the Watchman and Observer, an abstract of the minutes of Presbytery during its for recent sepions.

The Treasurer was directed to pay to Mr. Phifer one of our Commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly the sum of $2.50. now in his hands for the Commissioners' funds.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Bethphage Church, on wednesday before the 2nd sabbath in April 1847 at 11. o'clock A. M.

J. S. McCutchan St. Clk

N.B. The following members were absent from the regular meeting at Franklin without forwarding any reasons for absence viz:

Rev. R. H. Morison D. D. Rev. S. Williamson

Rev. H. A. Penick	Rev. J. P. Kerr
" A. L. Watts	" H. Lindley
" S. B. A. Wilson	" T. P. Johnston
" H. A. Morison	" J. F. W. Freeman
" W. B. Cunningham	" G. M. Gibbs.

Statistical Report to Synod presented in Greensborough N.C. Oct. 1st 1846

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of N.Carolina, that they consist of 28 ministers; and 6 have under their care fifty five congregations. four licentiates and three candidates;— that on the 8th day of Nov. 1845 they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. J. M. Wilson and the united congregations of Bethany and Zion and on the 4th of April 1846 they the following Pastoral relations viz

1. That between the Rev. J. C. Monison and the congregation of Bethphage.
2. That between the Rev. J. L. McEutchan and the congregation of Gosher.
3. That between the Rev. C. Johnston and the united congregations of Providence and Sharon.

On the same day they dismissed the Rev. T. K. Nash. to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

On the same day they received Mr. R. W. Lafferty a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Harmony — that on the 25th of April 1846 they ordained the same as a minister of the gospel and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Sugar Creek:— that on the 9th of May 1846 they installed the Rev. J. M. Wilson Pastor of the congregation of Morganton that on the 23rd of the same month they installed the Rev. W. W. Phaw, Pastor of the congregation of Bethphage and the Rev. C. Johnston of that of Charlotte:— that on the 28th of September 1846 they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. J. D. Wallis & the congregations of Thyatira and Franklin, that on the 29. of Sept. 1846 they

licensed Messrs Richard E. Sherrill and Cyrus K. Caldwell to preach the gospel. as protationers.

By order of the Presbytery
J. L. McEutchan Stated

CONCORD PRESBYTERY MINUTES

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Minutes
of
The Presbytery of Concord

From April 1817
to
Oct 1854.

Rolls of the members of Concord Presbytery according to their seniority in the ministry with the dates of their several ordinations. made July 21 1847

Names	Date of Ordination	Remarks
Rev. Walter L. Pharr	Nov. 16. 1820	
" Robt. H. Morrison D.D.	April 24. 1821	
" Samuel Williamson, D.D.	May 24. 1823	
" Stephen Frontis	Nov.r 4. 1823	
" Cyrus Johnston, D.D.	Nov.r 1824	died Jan. 25th 1855.
" Henry W. Pharr	June 9. 1825	Dismissed April 28th 1852 See page 418.
" Daniel A. Penick	Dec.r 1825	
" John Lefroy Davies	June 23. 1827	Dismissed Sept 2d 1852 See page 211.
" Wm. A. Hall	Nov.r 10. 1827	Dismissed April 5th 1852 See page 392.
" Albertus L. Watts	Dec.r 1831	died Jan. 23d 1855.
" Daniel Lindsley	Nov.r 7. 1832	
" J. F. McEutchan	June 1833	died June 24th 1848.
" Thos. P. Johnston	Oct. 4. 1833	
" Jas. M. H. Adams	May 1834	Dismissed Oct 6th 1852 See page 392
" Jas. C. Morrison	Sept. 19. 1834	
" Jas. D. Hall	Nov. 1834	
" Saml. B. C. Wilson	June 1835	
" Jno. M. Wilson	Nov. 10 1837	Dismissed Oct 5th 1852 See page 332
" Wm. A. Morrison	Nov 10. 1837	
" Jas. F. M. Freeman	March 1838	Deposed July 11th 1848 (see page 254)
" Samuel Murray	March 1839	Dismissed Sept 22d 1852 See page 283.
" Jno C. McPherson	Augt 27. 1842	
" Walter W. Pharr	Oct.r 13. 1842	
" Geo. M. Gibbs	May 31 1844	Dismissed Nov 21st 1852 See page 415.
" Henry B. Cunningham	Nov.r 7. 1840	
" Elijah S. Rockwell	Dec.r 15. 1841	
" C. F. Lafferty	Apr. 25. 1846	
" Archibald Baker	May 1841	
" Thos E. Davis	June 19th 1845	
" Samuel C. Pharr	May 20th 1845	
" Wm C. Sutton	Nov 27th 1843	
" P. H. Dalton	Dec. 1st 1842	
" Elnathan G. Walker	Dec. 15th 1844	Dismissed Oct 5th 1852 See page 330.

Roll continued.

Names	Date of Ordination	Remarks
Rev. Robert S. Davis,	Oct. 1845.	
" P. T. Penick.	Nov 8th 1850.	
" Thos. N. Paxton,	Aug. 1849	
" Benjamin L. Beall,	Oct 4th 1851.	
" Wm C. Sheets,	May 15th 1852.	
" Gilbert Morgan,		Dismissed April 21st 1854. See page 417.
" Monroe J. Allen,	May 27th 1841.	
" Wm L. Moore,	Sept 5th 1853.	

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List of Churches under the care of Concord Presbytery, with their several apportionments for Commissioned Funds, and date of organization as far as can be ascertained - Made out July 28. 1847.

Names of Churches	Apportionment	Date of Organization	Remarks
	$		
Providence	8		
Steel Creek	11		
Fourth Creek	8		
Bethany	8		
Sugar Creek	12		
Rocky River	15		
Poplar Tent	10		
Thyatira	6		
Little Britain	5		
Goshen	6		
Olney	3		
Rhiedus Creek	3		
Unity (Lincoln)	10		
Unity (Rowan)	1		
Sharon	6		
Charlotte	8		
Pleasant Hill	5		
Philadelphia	8		
Union	3		Changed to Bethlehem, See page 330.
Paw Creek	4		
Hopewell	10		
Bethel	5		
Hebron Church	5		
Ramah	5		
Mallard Creek	4		
Concord Town	5		
Bethphage	5		
Libanon	3		
Prospect	6		
Concord	7		
Labor	1		
Salem	3		
Third Creek	12		

List of Churches &c

Names of Churches	No.	Date of Organization	Remarks
Back Creek	10		
Franklin, (Rowan co)	6		
Salisbury	12		
Joppa	5		
Morganton	8		
Smithersdotton	1.		
Duncan's Creek	2		
Drusilla	2.		
Siloam	2		
Lincolnton	8		
New Hope	3		
Long Creek	8		
Swan nanoe	2.		
Ebenezer	2		
Wilkesborough			
Asheville		Dec. 22d 1849	
New Union			Changed to Fifth Creek, see page 232
Hiwassee			
Bethesda			
Shiloh		Jan. 20th 1850	
Mackpelah		May 28th 1850	
Dallas		July 5th 1851.	
Monroe		May 22d 1852.	
Fairfield.		July 31st 1852.	Changed to Lenoir, See page 255.
Hendersonville,			
Taylorsville.		May 27th 1853.	
Franklin, (Macon co)		1854	

Proceedings of Concord Presbytery.

Bethphage Ch. N.C. Wednesday Apr. 7. 1847

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 11 o'clk A.M. — Opened with a sermon by the Rev. W. S. Phair the last Moderator from 2 Thes. 3:5

Constituted with prayer. — Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Phair	Thos. D. Hamilton
" R. H. Morrison D.D.	R. I. McDowell
" I. Frontis	J.F. Gibson
" C. Johnston	D. Parks
" W. S. Phair	A. C. McIntosh
" D. A. Penick	J. M. Black
" W. A. Hall	Robt. Potts
" A. L. Watts	Jona Reid
" J. S. McCutchan	R. H. Gillo
" J. D. Hall	R. M. Alexander
" J. C. Morrison	J. F. Phifer
" J. M. Wilson	Wm Wood
" L. Murray	J. F. McNeely
" A. B. Cunningham	R. D. Alexander
" E. F. Rockwell	S. R. Bell
" J. C. McPherson	J. W. Ross
" W. W. Phair	Levi Rumple
" Geo. M. Gillo	J. M. Lowrance
" A. F. Lafferty	

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(Bethphage)

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, when the Revd. S Frontis was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs Johnston and Gibbs Temp. Clerks.

The Moderator was then inducted into office by the former Moderator reading to him the general rules adopted by the Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

The Minutes of the last regular sessions and of the sessions in Greensboro' were read.

The Rev. R H Morrison D.D. and the Rev. Messrs Penick, Watts, Cunningham, W. N. Morrison and Gibbs assigned reasons for absence from the last regular meeting.

The following committees were appointed viz:

Committee on Narrative

1. To take notes during the free conversation on the State of Religion and prepare a Narrative for the General Assembly.

Rev. R H Morrison D.D. Rev H B Cunningham and R S McDowell.

Comm. on Devotional Exercises

2. On Devotional Exercises.

Rev. Messrs W W Phare and Penick & J W Sloop.

Report of Comm. on Past. Relation

The committee continued from the last meeting on the subject of the Pastoral Relation, read a report which accepted.

After some discussion on a motion for its adoption it was recommitted to the same committee with the addition of Rev Dr Morrison, Rev W W Phare and Rev R S McDowell.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Thursday Apr. 8. 1847 9 o'clk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The following committees were appointed viz:

(Bethphage)

Comm. on Supplies

1. On Supplies and Missionary Labour.

Revs. Messrs A. L. Watts & J. M. Wilson and Mr. J. R. Ba

Comm. on Sept. Records

2. On Sessional Records as follows viz

a. On the Records of Ramah, Unity (Lincoln) Davidson College and Charlotte.

Messrs W. A. Phare and Jas. Gibson.

b. On the Records of Providence, Sharon, Thyatira, Franklin, Concord, Salem, and Smyrna.

Messrs W. A. Hall and Thos. H. Hamilton.

c. On Records of Rocky River and Sugar Creek.

Drs Morrison and Mr. McDowell.

d. On the Records of Centre, Prospect, Joppa, Unity (Rowan) Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill.

Messrs Penick and Black.

e. On the Records of Bethany, Tabor, Goshen, New Hope, Concord Iron, Lincolnton and Long Creek

Messrs Watts and Parks.

f. On the Records of South Creek, Poplar Tent, Bethphage, Salisbury and Back Creek.

Messrs W. S Phare and R. M. Alexander.

The Rev. Messrs J. L. Davies and J. F. W. Freeman appeared in Presbytery and having assigned reasons for late appearance, took their seats.

Donation to Ministry in Cherokee.

The members were severally called on to report what they had done in collecting funds for the erection of a House of worship in Cherokee county; when it appeared that only a part of the members had attended to the proposed collection, and that $72.70 had been raised for the object.

Report of Comm on Past. Relation

The Committee on the Pastoral Relation presented a report which was accepted, amended, adopted and is as follows viz:

The Committee appointed by Presbytery to consider and report on the subject of the permanency of the Pastoral Relationship have had that matter under careful consideration, and would

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beg leave to submit the following views as the result of that investigation.

By virtue of divine appointment to the mediatorial throne our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is held forth in the scriptures of truth as the only King and Head of the redeemed Church of God. In his mediatorial character, all power is given to him in heaven and on earth.

Jesus Christ governs his church on earth by the intermediation of men, officers of the church, men of like passions with others, who are directed in the discharge of their duties, by the instructions of Jesus, the truths and facts recorded in the volume of Revelation. The permanent officers of the Church, are pastors and teachers, helps or governments, with deacons to superintend, benevolent contributions and secular concerns.

Various statements and facts recorded in the word of God, manifestly indicate the manner in which the officers of the Church are to be appointed, set apart or ordained. A collection and comparison of all these, serve as the scriptural basis and revealed authority, by which we establish the following general truth, viz The officers of the Church are to be set apart or ordained by an election or choice of those to be taught or governed, together with the approbation of those already in office, appropriately and fitly expressed.

In this way a succession of officers is kept up and continued in the church, and men thus appointed are officers of the church of Christ, by divine appointment.

Pastors thus appointed are made overseers of the flock by the Holy Ghost. A relationship is formed, and is recognised as existing

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between every such pastor and the people of his charge. From this relationship mutual rights and obligations arise. The idea of permanency is involved in the very nature of the relationship. It is a relationship in which the Holy Ghost has had an agency.

Now it is by an association of teaching and ruling elders, bearing such a relationship to individual churches, that government and discipline are maintained in the church of Jesus Christ on earth. Such an assemblage, by whatever name it may be called, when convened according to prescribed rules, that all things may be done decently and in order, constitutes the governing body, under Christ in and over themselves individually and the churches within a given district, under their spiritual guardianship and care. This government is limited to matters ecclesiastical. Such a meeting did take place in Jerusalem in Apostolic days, and did exercise power to direct and govern.

The elders, in conjunction, extend government over themselves individually, and over the churches under their care. This is Presbyterianism.

Through the intermediation of such a body the Holy Ghost constitutes or appoints individual men, "Overseers" of individual flocks, and then the pastoral relationship is formed.

Paragraph 2 clearly expresses the basis of Presbyterian rules and usages. When an individual congregation wishes a minister to settle with it as its pastor, that congregation calls the man through the Presbytery of which he is a member, and under whose Presbyterial direction and government he is placed. When that case is brought into the Presbytery, it is then the duty of that Presbytery, to exercise its judgment in the fear of God, and to dispose of that call, either by placing it in the hands of the member to whom it may be addressed, or by giving it back to the congregation to

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which it was prepared. Where we have a distinct recognition of power to direct control and govern individual members and Churches. In ordinary cases the power of Presbytery to fix the location and direct the field of labor of individual members, is exercised only with the consent of individual members and Churches.

When the Presbytery forms the pastoral relation, it has always been the custom, in conformity with apostolic example, most affectionately and solemnly to charge the parties, urging to the utmost fidelity in the discharge of their mutual duties

Now a relationship formed under circumstances of so much solemnity, and recognized by the Head of the Church, might be expected to bring important advantages. In this way God intended to secure the more thorough instruction of his people, in a knowledge of Bible Truth, to promote the proper training of the young, who are the hope of the Church and the world, and to maintain wholesome government and discipline in his Church. And thus the idea of permanency is clearly implied in the great end, for the securing of which, the relation was brought into exercise ✓

From these views it manifestly appears that a propensity to frequent changes in the pastoral relationship, stands directly opposed to the Divine will in the case, defeats the great ends of the relation, and is subversive of Presbyterial principles of Church Government and contrary to Presbyterian usage in past ages. The disposition to frequent changes, whether it arises from a roving propensity, or from motives of personal convenience or advantage on the part of the Ministry or from a restless spirit, or love of change, on the part of the people, ought to receive the marked disapprobation of the governing authority of the Church.

In view of these things, the Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions viz.—

1. Resolved, That this Presbytery regards the Pastoral Relationship as a permanent institution of Christ which should not be virtually dissolved without

the authority by which it was formed.

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2. Resolved, That this Presbytery, whatever may have been its course in past years, cannot consent to the dissolution of the Pastoral Relation in any case, unless the reasons for that dissolution shall have been fully laid before Presbytery, that an opportunity may be given for a deliberate judgment, in view of all the facts and reasons in the case

3. Resolved, That this Presbytery does expect and require the parties to continue in the affectionate and faithful discharge of their mutual duties, during the continuance of the relationship.

4. Resolved, That it is not in accordance with our form of Government, for Ministers to remove beyond the bounds of the Presbytery to which they belong and virtually to connect themselves with other Churches without the consent of Presbytery

5. Resolved, That the spirit of the foregoing resolutions is not intended to constrain a Minister to continue preaching to a congregation, in which the prospect of his usefulness seems to be closed by circumstances beyond his control; but that in all such cases, a speedy application should be made to Presbytery, either by the pastor or people for a dissolution of the pastoral relation.

6. Resolved, That Presbytery will hereafter require an annual Report from the Sessions of its several Churches respecting the fidelity and punctuality with which they discharge the duties which they owe their pastors, including a statement of the amount which they contribute for his temporal support.

7. Resolved, That Presbytery will also require from all the Ministers under its care, a like Report as to the discharge of their pastoral duties, and the success of their labors among their people.

The Rev'd R. B. Wilson and Messrs. M. D. Johnston Ruling Elder from College Church and Robert Potts from Bethel Church appeared in Presbytery and took their

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seats. Mr Wilson assigning reasons for his late appearance.

The Rev. L. Donnelly from the Presbytery of Shawnee and the Rev. Thos. E. Davis of the Presbytery of Holston being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

It was on motion, Resolved, That those churches under our care which have made no contribution to aid in the erection of a house of worship in Cherokee County, be requested to take up as soon as possible collections for that purpose, and forward the same to the Rev. C. L. Rockwell, and that he forward to the Rev. J. C. McPherson for the proposed object to the amount of $100. including what has been already collected, and that whatever may be left be appropriated to missionary purposes.

Collection for Church in Cherokee

The Rev. J. A. Wilson presented a certificate as a member in good and regular standing in the Presbytery of Chickasaw, and of dismission from the same with a view to a connexion with this Presbytery.

Whereupon said certificate was accepted, and Mr Wallace after an examination satisfactory to Presbytery was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. J. A. Wallace received

Presbytery took a recess of an hour.

After Recess Presbytery met.

The Rev. J. H. W. Adams Treas. of Presbytery, by letter tendered the resignation of his office— Whereupon Presbytery deeming to accept his resignation, appointed the Rev. J. L. Morrison Treas. pro. tem.— The Treasurer's report which accompanied his resignation was referred to Messrs Lafferty and McDowell as an auditing committee.

Report of Treas. of Presbytery

The delegate from the Church of Steel Creek reported that some difficulties existed in that church between the pastor and some of the people, and solicited the advice of Presbytery in the case.—

Upon which Messrs A. B. Wilson, McCutchan and Parks were appointed a committee to confer with the pastor and delegate from that Church, and to report the case to Presbytery.

Difficulties in Steel Creek

Committee appointed

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The Rev. Mr Ingould of the German Reformed Church being present was invited to take sit as a corresponding member.

Mr Ingould for member

A Statement was made to Presbytery in behalf of the Session of Centre Church, that that session called in question the correctness of the attested copy of its minutes sent to Presbytery at its last stated session with a complaint from Mr Robert Ramsey, and that said session felt aggrieved by the action of the Presbytery at that time on said complaint— which action was based on that attested copy of the minutes of the session, and that the action of Presbytery condemned the session unheard.

Grievance of the Session of Centre

This matter was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs W. L. Starr, McCutchan, Cunningham, Hill and L. E. Alexander.

Com. appointed

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented the following report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows viz.

Arrangements for Devotional Exercises

1 Psalmody and prayer by Rev. D. Penick
2 Reading the scriptures by Rev. R. Johnston
3 Exortation by Rev. J. L. Morrison D.D.
4 Benediction by the Moderator.

And that these exercises take place tomorrow afternoon at 2. Oclock

The committee appointed to examine the state and value of the Depository of the books of the Board of Publication at D. College, and to audit the accounts of the Rev. J. A. Wilson who was requested to take charge of the Depository, reported

Depository of Book at D. College

1 That they find the accounts correctly kept and all payments sustained by proper vouchers.
2. That the Depository is now worth thirty two dollars and eighty seven cents, in funds and books, subject to the order of the Synodical committee of Bethsphage.

The agent of the Synodical committee being present Mr Wilson immediately transferred all the books and funds to him and handed in to Presbytery the receipt from said agent.

Several committees appointed to examine sessional Records reported on the following books, their reports were accepted and the books approved with the exceptions recorded in such as were not found in due form viz.

Reports on Session Books

Fourth Creek	Bethany
Back Creek	Tabor
Poplar Tent	Long Creek
Bethphage	Pleasant Hill
Joppa	Unity (Rowan)
Concord	Salem
Smyrna	Smyrna
Charlotte	Ramah
T. College	Rocky River
Unity (Lincoln)	Sugar Creek
	Philadelphia

Presbytery proceeded to the election of commissioners to the next General Assembly, when the following were chosen, principals and alternates viz.

Commrs to Gen. Assy

Rev. W. W. Pharr Rev. J. C. Wilson Alternate.
" C. J. Cockwell " " D. A. Penick " "

Ruling Elders—

Dr. Charles W. Harris " T. A. Caldwell "
Dr. C. Hunter " C. P. Erwin "

Mr. P. J. Penick was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry. After satisfactory examination as to his experimental acquaintance with religion and his motives in seeking the ministry he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate

P. J. Penick taken under care of Presb.

Messrs C. Johnston J. C. Wilson D. A. Penick W. W. Pharr D. Parks and M. D. Johnston were appointed a committee to examine Messrs J. C. Crawford and J. W. Pharr, candidates under our care, on all the branches preparatory to licensure on which they had not been previously examined, and also Mr P. J. Penick on his literary course.

Examination Messrs J. C. Crawford J. W. Pharr & P. J. Penick

Inquiry was made of the committee of Correspondence in the case of J. McRay Davis, and of Mr Davis whether or not all the parties would be prepared for

Trial of J. McR. Davis parties not ready—

taking up that case to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In reply to which inquiry Mr Davis informed Presbytery that he would not be ready for trial during the present meeting owing to the absence of several important witnesses.

The committee of Correspondence answered that they would reply to the enquiry to-morrow morning

The committee on the alleged grievance of the Session of Centre Church presented their report which was read, accepted adopted and is as follows viz.

Alleged grievance of Centre Sessn Report of committee—

The committee appointed to meet with the Session of Centre Church and Mr Robert Ramsey and to consult with them respecting the grievance which said Session supposed had been inflicted on it by the action of Presbytery last fall in the case of a complaint laid before Presbytery by Mr Robert Ramsey, beg leave to report,

That after hearing all the parties concerned and having all the papers connected with the matter presented and read, the committee is of the opinion that Mr Robert Ramsey had no just ground of complaint against that Session.

The committee would therefore recommend to Mr Robert Ramsey, if inclined to prosecute the matter further, to bring charges in regular form, against Mr Rufus Ramsey, before that Session— But at the same time in view of the whole case the committee would advise, that in order to secure the peace and harmony of the Church nothing more be done in the matter. All of which is respectfully submitted

Signed.

Walter S. Pharr
W. B. Cunningham
J. L. McLutchan
W. D. Alexander
W. H. Hill

Committee

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday morning 9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Constituted with prayer— Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected

Mr. John Shive, a ruling elder from Back Creek church, appeared and took his seat.

Reconsideration of the case of Centre Session

On motion the case from the Session of Centre Church was reconsidered.

After some discussion the report of the committee on the case was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D.

Report of Committee to examine candidates

The committee appointed to attend to the examination of Messrs Crawford Pharr and Penick candidates reported that in the discharge of the duty assigned they had examined Messrs Crawford and Penick on Literature and the Sciences, and Messrs Crawford and Pharr on Theology and Ecclesiastical History, and would recommend that these several examinations be sustained:— Which report was accepted and adopted.

R. L. Smith Corresponding member

The Rev. E. R. Smith of the Presbytery of East Alabama being present was invited to a seat as a corresponding member.

C. K. Caldwell dismissed

Mr Cyrus K. Caldwell a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery was at his own request dismissed to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

Free conversation on the State of Religion

The Free Conversation on the State of Religion was made the order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Report of Agent for F. Missions

The Agent of the Presbytery in behalf of foreign Missions, reported that from our several churches $386.70 had been raised in aid of that cause, of which only $354.70 had passed through his hands.

Trial of Mr Davies

The Chairman of the committee of Prosecution in the case of Mr Davies reported that owing to the absence of witnesses the committee were also unprepared for entering upon the case.

Adjournment to Centre Ch.

Citations ordered

Rept of Com on Treas Accts

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurers account reported, that they had discharged

the duty assigned and find the accounts correctly kept and all payments accompanied with proper vouchers, and also that there is in his hands a ballance of $1.20 due to Presbytery and .50 for Gen. Th. Seminary.

Which report was accepted and the committee discharged

Paper on Past. Relation to be published

It was, Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is directed, to have the report and resolutions on the Pastoral Relation published in the Watchman and Observer and also in the Presbyterian; and that they be publickly read by the officiating ministers in each of our churches.

Next Stated Sessions of Pby

The time and place of our next meeting Stated Sessions was taken up, When it was determined that Presbytery will hold its next regular Sessions at Marion McDowell Co. commencing on Friday the 20th of August next at 11 O'clock A. M.

Members of Pby changed—

Mr J. F. Phifer asked leave to resign his seat in Presbytery in favour of Mr Danl Coleman an elder from the same church, as whose alternate Mr Phifer had acted. His request was granted and Mr Coleman took his seat.

Exegeses of Candidates

The Rev. E. F. Rockwell and R. J. McDowell were appointed a committee to examine the Latin Exegeses of Messrs Crawford and Pharr.

Cand. Exercises

Mr Crawford read his Critical Exercises as a part of trial

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the Session House

After Recess Presbytery met.

Trial of Mr Davies

In view of the failure of Mr Davies and also of the committee of Prosecution to be in readiness for taking up the case of Mr Davies trial it was,

Adjournment to Centre Ch.

1. Resolved That we will hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Centre Church to commence on the 1st day of June at 11 o'clock A. M. to take up the case.

Citations ordered

2. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is directed to issue forthwith a citation to the accused to appear before Presbytery at the above time and place

to answer to the charges preferred against him; and also to all the witnesses necessary to the issuing of the case, both in behalf of the prosecution and of the accused.

Deposition to be taken

8 Resolved. That the committee of Prosecution be empowered and directed to take the testimony by deposition, of such witnesses as are not members of our church and over whom we have no control, and also of such others as by reason of sickness or other impossibility, may give notice that they cannot attend the meeting of Presbytery.

Mr. Davies gave notice that he regarded it important to take by deposition, the testimony of Messrs Isaac Irwin and J. F. Ashmy of Lincolnton and of Mr Hiram Sparrow of Cleaveland, and that he wished their depositions taken on next Thursday week, in the town of Lincolnton at 3 oclock P.M.

Whereupon Presbytery appointed the Committee of Prosecution, with the Rev Dr Monison and the Rev L. Murray a committee to attend to the taking of said deposition.

The Rev. J. F. W. Freeman obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess Presbythry met

Rept of Comm. on difficulties in Steel Creek

The Committee on difficulties said to exist in the Church of Steel Creek, submitted their report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows viz:

The Committee appointed to confer with the Pastor and delegate of Steel Creek Church in relation to certain difficulties said to exist in said Church would respectfully report That:

After conference with the Pastor of that Church and the delegate from the same, we see nothing which should constitute a valid reason for the dissolution of the Pastoral Relation. But we find

that difficulties do exist, arising as we think from misunderstanding and excitement which if unexplained and unhealed may mar the usefulness of the Pastor, and the prosperity of the Church. We recommend therefore that a Committee of aged and experienced brethren be sent into the congregation to meet the parties privately, and endeavour with prayer and exhortation to bring about a thorough and Christian reconciliation.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Signed

J. B. C. Wilson
J. S. McCutchan } Comm.
M. Parks

Comm. to visit Steel Creek

The Rev R. H. Morrison D.D. and Rev W. S. Phare and Messrs R. M. Alexander, and R. S. McAlpine were appointed committee recommended in the above report.

Free Conversation on the State of Religion

The order of the day for 1 oclock, the Free conversation on the State of Religion was attended to, the members at the same time handing in their Statistical Reports.

The following members obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery viz

Messrs Watts, Rockwell, W. S. Morrison, Wallace, Parks, McCoy, Reid, R. M. Alexander and Bell.

Devotional Exercises postponed

The Devotional Exercises of Presbytery were postponed until to-morrow at 11 oclock A.M.

Report on the progress of candidates

The committee appointed to examine the progress of Messrs Crawford and Phare, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and would recommend that these parts of trials be approved. Which report was accepted and adopted.

Second Rept in case of Centre Session

The committee to whom the alleged grievance of Centre Session was recommitted, reported as follows viz

The committee to whom was referred the grievance of the Session of Centre Church would report that

After examining all the evidence presented to their consideration, they find the following facts in relation to the case,

1. The elders who were present at the several meetings

Case of Centre sepion Rept. of 2. Comm.

of said sepion, when the case of Mr. Robert Ramsay was spoken of maintain that a large portion of the record of their proceedings ~~sent~~ sent to Presbytery by the Clerk is incorrect.

2. The alleged incorrectness of this record seems to have led the Presbytery at its last stated sepions, to censure their proceedings in refusing to Robert Ramsay an investigation of his cases, which it appears that sepion never refused.

3. The committee recommend to Presbytery to call for the original Record of the proceedings of the sepion of Centre in this whole case.

It is further recommended to Mr. Robt Ramsay to table charges against Mr Rufus Ramsay, and bring them before the sepion in regular form if he thinks proper. But at the same time in view of the whole case the committee would advise that in order to secure the peace and harmony of the Church nothing more be done in the case.

All which is respectfully submitted

W. S. Pharr
R. L. Morrison
L. B. Cunningham
R. M. Alexander
R. H. Hill

Committee

Laid on the table for action at Centre

On motion this report was accepted and laid on the table for action at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Centre Church, at which time and place, the clerk of said sepion is hereby enjoined to lay before Presbytery the Records of that Sepion.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday Apr. 10. 9 o'clk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday except those absent with leave.

Trustees of Davidson College elected.

The President of the Board of Trustees

Trustees of D. College

of Davidson College announced to Presbytery, that at this time the term of service of one class of the Trustees in said Board expires.

Whereupon Messrs Penick and McDowell were appointed a committee to nominate nine men to serve as Trustees for four years.

Rev. J. Kerr dismissed

The Rev. J. Kerr this the stated clerk requested a dismission with the view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Transylvania: Which request was granted.

Trunk for Presbytery

The Stated Clerk informed Presbytery that according to direction he had procured a good substantial trunk for the Records and Papers of Presbytery: that thro' the kindness of several friends in furnishing materials for, and making it, it costs the Presbytery only $3.50 altho the ordinary cost of such a trunk would have been about $6.00.

New Book for Presb'y. Records

The Stated Clerk informed Presbytery that the Book of Records was full, Whereupon the Treasurer pro. tem. was directed to furnish the St. Clerk funds for the purchase of a new book and also that he refund to him such expenses as he may have been at in postage and stationery for Presbytery.

J. S. McEwen accepts calls to Bethany & Zabor.

Rev. J. S. McEwen gave notice to Presbytery that he accepted the calls in his hands from Bethany and Zabor. Whereupon it was,

Arrangements for Installation

Resolved. That the Rev. Messrs J. B. O. Wilson and W. S. Pharr be a committee to attend to the installation, dividing the exercises of the occasion between them at discretion, and that the installation take place at Bethany on saturday before the 3rd sabbath of May next.

Trustees of D. College elected.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for D. College reported the following nomination; which was adopted, and the persons accordingly elected to serve for the ensuing four years viz: Rev. Messrs J. C. Morrison, R. H. Lafferty, A. L. Watts W. S. Pharr and Messrs B. M. Alexander, D. Coleman, J. H. Robinson, J. M. Rose and M. T. Caldwell.

It was

Sessions Books now absent required next spring—

Resolved, That those sessions which have failed to present their records for review at this time be required to bring up their several Session Books at the next spring meeting, and that they then be called on to shew cause why they should not be censured for their present delinquency.

Petition for dissolution of Past. Relation between J. H. Davies & Centre Congn.

A petition from a portion of the congregation of Centre, signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the subject was acted on, was laid before Presbytery, praying a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation existing between that congregation and the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies.

Remonstrance agt. the above Petition.

A remonstrance against the above petition signed by a number of individuals of the same congregation was also presented.

Action on the above deferred.

Both the above papers having been read it was,

Resolved, That all action on said petition and remonstrance be deferred until the meeting of Presbytery appointed to be held at Centre Church.

Trials of Candidates

Mr J. C. Phan read his Critical Exercise and Lecture and Mr W. C. Crawford his Lecture as parts of trials preparatory to licensure.

It was made the order of the day to hear the popular sermons of Messrs Crawford and Phan this afternoon immediately after recess.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock, the devotional Exercises of Presbytery, was attended to, according to the arrangement previously adopted.

Presbytery had a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

Messrs Lafferty and J. J. McNeely obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Messrs Crawford & Phan delivered their popular Sermons from the texts severally assigned them.

On motion all the trials required of Messrs

Crawford and Phan were sustained as satisfactory.

Licensure of Messrs Crawford & Phan

Presbytery then proceeded to the Licensure of Messrs Crawford and Phan, which done in the manner prescribed in our Form of Government and the following minutes made of the transaction viz

At Bethphage Church, Cabarrus Co. N.C. on the 10th day of April 1847, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Thaddeus C. Crawford and Saml. C. Phan of their having gone thro' a regular course of literature, of their good moral Characters and of their being in the communion of the Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial preparatory to licensure, and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishment in literature, as to their experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to their proficiency in Divinity and other studies, the Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and they having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did and hereby do license them, the said T. C. Crawford and S. C. Phan to preach the gospel of Christ as probationers for the holy ministery, within the bounds of this Presbytery or wheresoever else they may be orderly called.

Supplies

The committee of supplies and Missionary labor presented the following arrangement which was adopted viz:

That between this time and our next regular meeting Messrs W. M. Phan and D. A. Penn spend 2. sabbs in the Counties of Wilkes and Caldwell.

Messrs Rockwell & McButcheon 1 Sab. in Surry & 1 at New Union

Messrs Dennis & Baker 2. in Stanly and Montgomery.

" Freeman & Watts 2. in Anson and Union.

" Murray & J. M. Wall 2. in Cleveland and Rutherford.

" W. A. Wall & J. E. Monison 2. in Haywood.

" Cunningham & Sherrill 2. in Henderson.

Supplies

Prespr Penick & Williamson 2. sabbs in McDowell & Yancey.
& R. H. Morrison & D. C. Johnston, W. S. Pharr & J. M. Wilson.
supply Buncombe and Macon at discretion.
" Mr. Crawford 1. sabb. at Ebenezer 1. at Bethphage 1. at Newhope and one at Smyrna.
" Mr. W. S. Pharr 1. sabb. at Poplar Tent 1. at Bethphage 1 at Bethel and 1 at Union.
Prespr L. C. Davis and Baker each 1. sabb. at Ebenezer in Br. Rockwells absence.
Prespr Penick & W. S. Pharr each 1. sabb. at Poplar Tent in brother W. S. Pharrs absence.
Prespr J. B. Wilson and Williamson administer the Lords Supper at Bethel

Comm. funds distributed

The Treasurer pro. tem. was directed to divide the amount of money received for the Commissioners' funds, equally between the four commissioners elected as principals.

Change in Comm. of Prosecution

Mr. D. Coleman informed Presbytery that circumstances put it out of his power to act any longer as a member of the committee of Prosecution in the case of Mr. Davies. Whereupon Mr. R. I. McDowell was appointed in his place. In view of Mr Rockwells absence, in attending the meeting of the Gen. Assembly, Rev. D. A. Penick was appointed in his place on the Committee of Prosecution.

Amendments of Constitution of D. College

The two proposed amendments of the constitution of D. College, which have been for some time before Presbytery were deferred for consideration at the meeting at Centre.

It was

Vote of thanks

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Bethphage for their kindness and hospitality during this meeting, and that the pastor be directed to publish the same to the congregation to-morrow morning.

The Chairman of the committee appointed

Narrative not ready

ed to prepare the Narrative of the State of Religion informed Presbytery, that the committee was not ready to report and asked leave to prepare it at home and forward it to the Stated Clerk. Which request was granted.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Centre Church on the 1st day of June next at 11. oclock A. M. — Concluded with prayer, singing and apostolic benediction.

J. S. McEutchen S. C. Pby.

N. B. 1st The following members were absent throughout the meeting D. Williamson. D. Lindley. J. P. Johnston.

Narrative

N. B. 2nd The Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of our Presbytery was forwarded to the Stated Clerk and by him to the General Assembly. It is as follows. viz:

The Presbytery of Concord in reporting to the General Assembly, the state of Religion within its bounds would not overlook the causes of gratitude to the great Head of the church for the tokens of his presence and gracious regard during another year.

Unity of sentiment and harmony of action touching the great doctrines and duties of our holy religion generally prevails. The words of truth is faithfully preached, and good attendance given to the ministrations of the sanctuary. — Bible class, Sabbath Schools and Catechetical Instruction of the rising generation occupies a prominent place in the attention of our churches, and is doubtless scattering its rich and imperishable blessings amongst the minds of our youth. The instruction of our coloured population is also attended to to a certain extent and its great importance, we trust becoming more generally appreciated.

Summation

contributions to benevolent objects. tho' much less the amount than they should be, have been made in nearly all our congregations. Altho' the Presbytery is not auxiliary to the Gen. Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions, it has not overlooked that important object.

For several years it has sustained three Missionaries in that interesting, mountainous region which forms its western boundary, and with manifest proofs of good being done.

Presbytery is however constrained to acknowledge that with all those outward means of grace, signally enjoyed by its churches, a formal and lukewarm spirit is lamentably prevalent. In a few churches—Salisbury, Rheims Creek, Swannanoe, Concord and Salem, some reviving influences of Gods Spirit have been felt, but in general the apathy as it regards vital piety is to be mourned over.

In many of our churches the deaths and removals equal the additions. The judgments of God seem not to have been followed by that deep humiliation for the sins of the people, which their number and aggravation evidently demand. Conformity to the maxims and spirit of the world, want of regards for the holy sabbath, and a neglect of family religion are but too common.

It demands sincere and deep lamentation that a low state of personal piety seems to be the source of many evils within our bounds, and the great obstacle to the progress of the gospel.

Presbytery having briefly stated the demands upon its gratitude, and the causes of its grief, would conclude by expressing the hope, that the impression is becoming more deep and abiding, that if officers and members of the church were to manifest more vigorous faith, more ardent love to God and the souls of men, and more strict and unwearied self denial in the cause of Christ, their prayers for tokens of refreshing from the presence of God would doubtless be heard and answered.

N.B. 3rd The following sessions failed to send up for review their records at this time and are to account for their delinquency next spring viz:

The sessions of	Mallard Creek	Centre
	Franklin	Prospect
	Steel Creek	Rutherfordton
	Little Britain	Mt. Carmel Creek
	Third Creek	Concord Town
	Goshen	New Hope
	Union	New Union
	Morganton	Lincolnton
	Swannanoe	Rheims Creek
	Hopewell	Paw Creek
	Ebenezer	Hiwassee
	Mansilla	Siloam
	Marion	Salisbury
	Lebanon	Olney
	Providence	Shaver
	Bethel	Burnsville

Statistical Report to The General Assembly 1847

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Gen. Assembly that they consist of 28 ministers and have under their care fifty five Churches four licentiates and one candidate.

Ministers & Licentiates	Churches	Post offices	Communicants: Added on Exam.	Communicants: Added on Certy	Communicants: Colored not Comm.	Communicants: Total Comm.	Baptized: Adults	Baptized: Infants	Funds Collected: Dom. Missions	Funds Collected: For. Missions	Funds Collected: Education	Funds Collected: Publication	Funds Collected: Theol. Sem.	Funds Collected: Common Funds	Funds Collected: Contingent Funds	Funds Collected: Miscellaneous Collections
Rev. Walter L. Pharr P.	Mallard Crk P. Ramah SS.	Mill Grove N.C.	12		20	256		16	19	18	5.02			2.50	.50	7
" R. H. Morrison D.D.	Unity (Lincoln) SS.	Cottage Home N.C.			2	60		4	46	44				5.00	50	
" Saml. Williamson Pres. P.	College Church P	Rd. College N.C.	2	5		23		5	20	30	35			2.50		
" L. Frontis S.S.	Thyatira & Franklin S.S.	Salisbury N.C.	3	1	47	212		4	13					6.00	6.00	Amount of 1846
" C. Johnston P.	Charlotte P.	Charlotte N.C.	7	5	6	54	1	2	80	33		10		4.00	50	
" L. A. Pharr P.	Concord, P. Salem & Smyrna SS	Statesville N.C.												5.00	2.50	50
" Rd. A. Penick P.	Rocky River P.	Pioneer Mills N.C.	21	5	125	476	7	21	30	55	22			7.50	50	82.
" J. LeRoy Harris P.	Centre & Prospect	Deep Well N.C.	12			280	1	18						3.00	50	
" W. A. Hall P.	Joppa & Liberty P.	Mocksville N.C.	4	1	35	142	2	8		19	5.00			4.50	50	
" A. L. Watts P.	Sleek Crk & Pl. Hill P.	White Hall N.C.				231				14						
" Rd. Lindley F. M.	Asheville V. Wilkesboro V.	Port Natal, Africa														
" J. S. McCutchan P.	Bethany & Zion P.	Bethany Church N.C.	3	4	33	150	1	20	15			3.50		6.00	50	40.
" T. P. Johnston F. M.	Little Britain, Northumberland SS	Religious Asia Minor				100										
" J. M. H. Adams P.	Third Creek P.	Cowansville N.C.	4	3	75	184	1	17	12	24	3.35			6.00		32.50
" J. C. Morrison P.	Concord Town P.	Concord N.C.	11	3	12	87	3	7						2.50	50	
" J. Rd. Hall S.S.	Goshen & New Hope S.S.	Mount Lawn N.C.			8	140		8								
" S. B. C. Wilson Prof. D.D.	Dunean's Crk V. New Lemont	Rd. College N.C.				36									50	
" J. M. Wilson P.	Morganton P.	Morganton N.C.	2	1	1	80		1	20					4.00	50	
" W. A. Morrison S.S.	Rheims' Crk & Swannanoa SS.	Swannanoa N.C.	16	1	1	66	5	12						2.00	50	
" J. F. W. Freeman S.S.	Philadelphia S.S.	Charlotte N.C.				120 ~~47~~		7	13	17	5			4.50		23
" L. Murray S.S.	Lincolnton & Long Creek SS.	Lincolnton N.C.				81		7	13	17	5			4.50		
" W. B. Cunningham P.	Hopewell & Paw Crk P.	Alexandriana N.C.	13		40	316	5	21	12	1	3			7.00	50	2
" C. F. Rockwell P.	Fourth Creek P.	Statesville N.C.	3	4	7	87	1	7	22	16				4.00	50	56
" J. C. McPherson S.S.	Ebenezer & Hiwassee SS.	Franklin N.C.	3	3	4	76		5	7	7	5				50	
" W. W. Pharr P.	Poplar Tent & Bethpage P.	Concord N.C.	20	3	60	294			24	37	3			7.50	50	50.
" G. M. Gibbs S.S.	Mt. Zion, Siloam & Marion SS.	Marion N.C.	2		4	47		5						3.00	50	
" R. H. Lafferty P.	Sugar Creek P.	Charlotte N.C.	13	3	47	213	5	8		39				6.00	50	50
" J. A. Wallace N.C. (2 Licentiates	Salisbury SS.		35	1	15	110	10	9		56			14	6.00		20
A. M. McNeely	Providence & Sharon SS.					200								7.00		
R. C. Sherrill	Bethel V. Burnsville V					30										
T. C. Crawford	Olney V. Union V					60										
J. C. Pharr	Back Creek SS.					200								3.00		
	Lebanon					40										
			178	49	534	4491	44	241	337	378	68.55	13.50	14	98.50	10.50	313.63.

The Presbytery of Concord would further report that on the 25th of April 1846. they ordained Mr R. H. Lafferty, and installed him pastor of Sugar Creek congregation, that on the 9th of May 1846 they installed the Rev. J. M. Wilson pastor of the congregation of Morganton & on the 23d of the same month they installed the Rev. W. W. Pharr pastor of Bethphage congregation and the Rev. C. Johnston pastor of the congregation of Charlotte – that on the 21st of September 1846 they dispolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. H. Dall and the congregations of Thyatira and Franklin – that on the 29th of the same month they licensed as probationers Messrs N. C. Sherrill and C. K. Caldwell – that on the 8th day of April 1847 they received from the Presb. of Chickasaw the Rev. J. A Wallace and on the 10th of the same month they dismissed the Rev. J. Kerr to join the Presb. of Pennsylvania & Mr C. K. Caldwell a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presb. of Orange & on the same day they licensed as probationers Messrs Theddeus C. Crawford and Saml C. Pharr.

All which is respectfully submitted

Signed

J. S. McCutchan St Clerk

Centre Church N.C. June 1st 1847. 11. oclk AM

Presbytery met according to adjournment – Constituted with prayer by the Moderator. –

Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. W Pharr	Thos H. Hamilton
" S Frontis	Jno Gillimon
" C. Johnston	H. Parks
" W. S. Pharr	J. H. Phifer
" H. A. Penick	David White
" J. M. Davies	David Ramsay
" H. A Gallt	J. A. Witherspoon
" A L. Watts	Jno Reid
" J. L. McCutcheon	Lebelius Gaither
" W. B. Cunningham	R. H. Alexander
" S. B. A. Wilson	Wm Alexander
	Wm. F. Alexander
	S. R. Bell
	Robt Potts
	Levi Rumple
	Isaac Erwin
	J. M. Davis
	Ira Parks
	Wm King

The Rev. Messrs W. B Davies and A L Watson of the Presbytery of Bethel and J C. Davis of that of Holston, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The minutes of the last stated sessions of Presbytery appointing the present meeting and touching the trial of the Rev J. M. Davies were read.

The Stated Clerk reported that all the witnesses required both by the Prosecution and by the Accused had been duly cited.

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Mr. Savage a licentiate received

Mr. W. T. Savage a licentiate from the Presbytery of Bethel presented a certificate of dismission from said Presbytery, and was taken under the care of this.

Memorial from Duncans Creek

A memorial was received from Duncans Creek Church, setting forth their condition as being without a supply and praying Presbytery to appoint one or more of its members to visit said church and ordain elders.

Whereupon the Rev. S. Murray was appointed to visit said congregation with a view to the ordination of such ~~elders~~ individuals as the people may have, in an orderly manner, elected.

Letter fr Dr. Morrison

A letter was received from the Rev. Dr. Morrison assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

appearance of additional members

The Rev. Messrs J. M Wilson, J. W. Hall, S. Murray and G. M Gibbs appeared in Presbytery and having given their reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Also Messrs R. M Rosebrough and R. I. Medlenall elders appeared and took their seats.

Mr. Davies asked Guilty or not.

The charges against the Rev. J. W. Davies were then read to him by the Moderator, and he was asked whether he was guilty or not guilty: To which he replied, "Not Guilty."

Moderators injunction on Presbytery

The Moderator solemnly announced from the chair that the Presbytery was about to pass to the consideration of judicial business- to the trial of one of its members, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

It was

order of testimony

Resolved, That we now proceed to hear the testimony on all the several items as charged against Mr. Davies, in the order in which the Prosecuting Committee may have them arranged.

Presbytery took a recess of a half hour.

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Item 4th

Specf. 1st

W. Parks testimony

After recess Presbytery proceeded to hear testimony in support of the charges against Mr. Davies.

I An Item 4th Falsehood. Misrepresentation and duplicity

Specification 1st In relation to a sample of sugar taken from Charlotte to Salisbury.

W. Parks being sworn, testified that Mr Davies some two years ago came into his store, spoke of wishing some three barrels of sugar— obtained a sample and took it with him, but made no contract— Some two or three weeks after Mr. Owens commenced rigging witness for sending a sample of sugar to Mr Murphy of Salisbury.

(Read to witness and approved.)

Mr. Murphy

Mr W. Murphy of Salisbury being sworn testified that some two years ago Mr Davies called and purchased some sugar. After purchasing shewed a sample obtained from Mr. Parks of Charlotte— about the same quality of that purchased, but at a higher price— Has no recollection of a word by way of challenge from or to Mr. Parks.

(Approved.)

W. C. Owens

W. C. Owens of Charlotte being sworn, said he was not with Mr. Davies in Salisbury, nor had he ever heard him say any thing on the subject.

Specf. 2.

Specification 2nd Mr. Davies' conversation with Col. Shive in relation to his case of incest.

A. C. McKee

A. C. McKee being sworn testified that At Statesville Mr. Davies impressed his mind that he (Davies) would take strong ground against Mr. Shive who was charged before Presbytery with incest, which in his remarks in Presbytery he did.

At the forks of the road on the way home witness heard Mr W. urge Shive to take an appeal in

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The case. Witness thinks he heard Dl. say that tho the decision of Presbytery was in accordance with the Confession, it was not strictly agreeable to the Bible— But of this witness is not positive.

Mr Dl. said he would preach at Cobble Creek on the next sabbath, and urged Shive and witness to have Bethphage session convened on monday morning and he (Dl.) would attend and assist in drawing up the appeal— Witness is confident on this point— Thought that Mr Davies had changed his mind on the subject.

Cross Examined.

Question by the Accused— Did I not say to Col Shive that if I were in his place and had been influenced to do as he had done, by the decisions of the Gen Assembly, I would appeal to the same body to defend my conduct that they might see the effect of their actions?

Answer. I believe you did.

Qu. by Prosecution— Was that the ground on which he based his remarks in Presbytery?

Ans. It was not.

(Approved)

Item 3rd Overreaching in trade & Shaving Notes. Specification 1st The case of a carriage mended by C. Averman.

Item 3rd Sp. 1st

C. Averman testimony

C. Averman being sworn testified that In the year 1841 Mr Davies called at his shop with his carriage, having the perch (axle bed wood and iron) broken and wished to have it mended by mending the iron only.— Witness told him it would not stand. But Davies would have it this way. It was so mended. This was the 23rd of August. On the 31st of August the carriage was brought back by a negro, who stated that Mr Davies directed him to have a new perch put in and the irons mended and the bones wedged. The boy left the carriage and the work was done. This is the way witness wished to

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mend it when Mr Dl. called a few days before.

Witness charged in both cases as usual in such jobs. Early in 1842 witness asked Mr Davies for settlement. Who said it was not then convenient.— In the course of that year or the next witness asked again for settlement shewing his account $15.50— Heard of no objection to the bill. Mr. Dl. said his funds were in S. Carolina.— Witness asked for a due bill, which Mr. Dl. declined saying it was a small matter and he would settle it soon.

Shortly before the account would legally die, witness came up and sued him.— But witness obtained an officer and determined to go and see Mr Davies.— On the way to Mr Dl's house witness and the officer met him.— It was proposed that a settlement be made, the account being in the officers hands, but witness promising to pay the cost if now settled.— Settlement was declined. It was proposed to go to Esqr Donaldson. The case was called and Mr Dl. said that he was not ready for trial and the case was put off.

At the appointed time witness returned and the case was tried, when witness obtained a verdict, he thinks but is not certain, for the first charge viz: $4.00. The other item he did not get on the plea that the boy had brought no written order for the work.— Defendant furnishing the plea.

Witness took an appeal. Mr Dl. told him it would cost him more to fee a lawyer than the debt was worth and urged him to take the amount of the judgment.

Some weeks after Mr D. Parks called at his shop— told witness that Mr Davies was at the store. Mr P. wished him to go up and have the matter settled between Mr Dl. and witness.— Witness at first refused to go, but afterwards went. Witness was persuaded to relinquish $3.50 and Mr Dl. paid him $12.

Cross Examination.

Question by Mr. Dl. Was it not my boy that took the carriage first to your shop?

Ans. You were present yourself.

Qu. by Mr. Dl. Did not the boy when he took the carriage

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back the second time change ijon to make your work stands?

Ans. I do not recollect.

Qu. by Mr. Al. Did I not object to the bill as enormous when we met in the road?

Ans. Ijon did, and flew in a pejsion when you found it in the officers hands.

Qu. by Co. Did I not have a witness on the day of trial?

Ans. I think not — After a moments thought, witness said I think you had.

(Approved by witness)

Parks' Testimony

M. Parks having been previously sworn was called forward and testified that.

Mr. Davies being in his store it was proposed to have the matter between him and Overman settled. Witness went to Mr. Overman who at first seemed very crusty — said Mr. M. had treated him badly — but at length went up to the store and the matter was compromised by Mr. M. paying $12.00. They parted apparently as friends.

(Read and approved)

J. Donaldson's Testimony

J. Donaldson Esq. having been sworn testified that the case of Troller and Overman against Mr Davies came before him. At first it was put off for want of a witness on the part of Mr. Davies. At the second time witness gave judgment for a part of the claim — he thinks for $3.00. He declined giving judgment for the whole on the grounds of the testimony of Mr Asbury who was a carriage maker and who said the charge was too high, and also that Mr Davies pleaded that he had not given orders for all the work to be done.

(Approved)

A. McCoy's Testimony

A. McCoy being sworn in behalf of the accused, testified that he was a carriage maker.

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that Mr. Davies had consulted him as to his prices for certain pieces of work — witness told him his prices for such things. Mr. M. said it was lower than Overman's.

Cross Examination. — Said

Different shops and different towns have different prices. — He thought from what Mr. M. said it was a warranted job which Mr. Overman had mended.

(Approved)

Mr. Davies' Testimony

Isaac Cain being sworn in behalf of the accused testified that, Mr. Davies had asked him, whether when a workman warrants his work 12 months, he is not bound to keep it up? Witness said he was. Mr. M. asked, if he (witness) had mended a part of a carriage and the mended part should fail before it got home would he feel bound to make it good. Witness answered, He would.

Cross Examination.

Qu. by Prosecution. If the broken part were mended contrary to your judgment and at the request of the owner would you then feel bound to make it good.

Ans. I would not.

Witness said according to his rate of charging Overman's bill should have been about $10.10

(Approved)

Witherspoon's Testimony

J. A. Witherspoon also a carriage maker, being sworn on behalf of the accused, testified that

He thought the 1st item in Mr. Overman's bill high. Witness would have charged about half. For putting in a perch alone he would charge $1.50. — as to the iron work he could not say not knowing what had been done.

No set rule can hear in all cases. The price should depend on the time and trouble of putting on and taking off irons.

Cross Examination.

Qu. by Prosecution — Do you not work lower than most workmen?

Ans. I always thought I worked lower than most

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others, but the people do not believe it. In Salisbury for mending some things they charge twice as much as I do.

(Approved)

Averman recalled

Averman recalled, stated that in 1841. work in that line was about double the present prices.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

June 2. 8 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — constituted with prayer — Present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Presbytery proceeded to the unfinished business viz: the trial of the Rev. Mr Blavies.

Witherspoon recalled

J. A. Witherspoon recalled, stated that if, in any of the places in which he had worked for the last fifteen years, he had charged more than half of Mr Averman's bill, it would have been thought extravagant, until the prices elsewhere had been inquired for.

Specifn 2

Specification 2nd Shaving notes on J. H. Smith lifted by Mr. Blavies.

J. H. Smith's Testimony

J. H. Smith being sworn testified that He (Smith) being in pecuniary difficulties and having an interest in a negro boy, proposed selling said negro to Mr. Blavies. Mr Blavies purchased at a few dollars below the valuation. In payment Mr B. was requested to lift a note on the bank or witness of about $200. and also a small note held by Professor Johnston. — Mention was also made of a note held by Mr Jas. Carruthers, but witness said he could arrange that matter himself. Mr Blavies lifted the note in the bank. Mr. Johnston's notes and also Mr Carruthers' note.

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Witness heard from Johnston and Carruthers that Mr Blavies had obtained their notes at an undervaluation. — Witness owed Mr. Blavies something previous to the purchase of the negro which debt was liquidated in the settlement — At the settlement witness also received a little money.

Cross Examination.

Qu. by the Accused. Did you not owe me a note previous to my purchasing the boy?

Ans. I did. — I believe $20.00 which was included in the settlement.

Qu. by Accd. Did you not subsequent to that settlement remark to me that I had got nothing for that note?

Ans. I did — I feared that in the hurry there had been an error, but when we reconciled we found all right.

Qu. by Accd. Did I not decline the purchase without the consent of all the parties concerned?

Ans. I stated to you that I could not sell without such consent, but afterwards informed you that that consent had been obtained.

Qu. by Accd. Did you not inform me that $150. out of the price of the negro was due Jas. Gibson as the guardian of the children?

Ans. I said I thought about that amount was due Mr Gibson.

Qu. by Accd. Did I not also liquidate a debt due J. M. Hall and also one due Jas. A. Wilson?

Ans. You did.

Qu. by Accd. Did you not say in your statement to the Presbytery that you understood that certain charges had been brought agt me, and that you wrote to the Committee and presented this as an additional charge?

Ans. I stated that I had written to Mr Penick the Chairman of the committee of Inquiry and told him of this case that he might present it as a charge if he thought proper, referring to certain notes for particulars.

Qu. by Accd. Did you not say that I had offended you more than any one else for the boy?

Ans. I said that no one else had made me any offer.

(Approved)

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Richard Locke being sworn testified that

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R. Locke's Testimony

He (Locke) had acted as Trustee in the case of the boy sold to Mr. Clavies by J. H. Smith— That in the final settlement between Clavies and Smith, Mr C was credited to the full amount of a note given by J. H. Smith to Jas Caruthers and also of one given by Smith to M. M. Johnston— That he knew nothing of any claim of Mr Clavies' own against Mr Smith, being put in, in the settlement— Mr M. paid Mr Smith a few dollars after all the claims liquidated by him, which were to come out of the price of the boy.

At the time of the sale of this boy he thought it somewhat doubtful whether or not Smiths property was equal to his liabilities if pushed.

The purchase of the boy was made on the 2nd of Decr 1843. and the date of the final settlement or of the payments credited on the note was Decr 27. 1843.

Cross Examination.

Qu. by Accd Do you remember the items which went into the amount on the final settlement?

Ans. Yes. They were as follows viz:

A Bank Debt	$206.00
A Note held by J. B Gilson	163.77
" Do " " Jas M. Wilson	47.50
" Do " " J. C. Hall	23.00
" Do " J. Caruthers. principal $25.	
" Do " M. M. Johston pmt 20/45	
Interest on the two last 7.25/52.05	52.05
	$492.32

Question by Accd Were there not a seconds and also a thirds deed of trust, and if so, what their several amounts?

Ans. There were. The amount of the 2nd was $88. and of the third $656. The date of the last deed of trust was June 28. 1843.

Approved.

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Mr Caruthers' Deposition.

The deposition of Jas. Caruthers was introduced and read and is as follows viz:

Taken at Mr Caruthers' house Apr. 30. 1847

Mr Caruthers being sworn, Mr Clavies being present, testifies that he holds a note of about $25. given by J. H. Smith five or six years since, with a credit on it of $1.50 for interest. This note was taken up by Rev J. M. Clavies after the interest had accumulated to something over $4.00 Mr M. giving his note for the principals alone— Smith was said to be deeply involved in debt and he (Caruthers) was informed by Mr Clavies that Smiths property was under a deed of trust. Mr M. proposed to take up the note which he (C.) held on Smith. To this he (C.) agreed because he thought that he probably might get his money sooner and with less trouble from Mr M. than by waiting the operation of a deed of trust, and because it was a matter of mutual accommodation. This note he understood was included in the list of those debts to be paid out of the sale of the property included in the deed of trust. He knew from Mr. Clavies that he had purchased a negro boy of Smith and that Smiths note was to be given in settlement for said boy. His reason for taking Mr. M's note for the principal only was that Mr M. told him that he would get his interest another way.

This left them in the dark. After further conversation Mr. M. said it was thought there would be a deduction on all the claims against Smith of something like 20 pr ct from which he concluded his loss would be less by taking Mr M's note for the principal than by deducting 20 pr ct on both principal and interest of Smiths note.—

A few days after he saw Mr Locke, who asked him if it was so that he had taken Mr Clavies' note for the principals only of Smiths notes. Mr L. then told him that Mr M. had got credit on his note for the boy to the full amount of Smith's note, both principal and interest.

He (Caruthers) had presented no claim to Mr M. for the interest; but when Mr M. lifted his own note, he (C.) asked him what he was to do for his interest, to which he replied

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Prof. Johnston was very glad to get his principal.

Cross Examination—

In conversation with Mr. H. some time back he mentioned that he held a note on J. H. Smith which was not taken into the deed of trust, which would be lost unless saved in settlement with Smith for the boy.

He did not understand Mr. Davies' first remark about getting the interest, until he further explained, from which he (Saunders) concluded there would be a deduction in the amount due the creditors.

Mr Saunders had considered his claim on Smith very doubtful before Mr. H. said any thing about taking up Smith's note, and was willing to accept Mr. H's proposition.

(Approved)

Rev. Johnston's testimony

Professor Johnston being sworn, testified that he held a note on J. H. Smith previous to Dec. 1845. had possessed said note some times. Mr H. lifted it by giving this own note for the principal, stating that it was doubtful whether or not Smith was able to pay his debts. Witness was willing to take the principal as he did not wish to push Smith, and as he had previous to this some doubts of Smith's solvency.

Cross Examination

Witness said some conversation passed in relation to an agreement amongst Smith's creditors - but he has no distinct recollection on that point — Some doubt existed as to the recovery of the money. — He was willing to take the principal.

(Approved)

R. Lowrie's testimony

R. Lowrie, witness on behalf of the accused being sworn, testified, that J. H. Smith was in difficulty about the time of the purchase of the said boy. Doubts generally existed as to Smith's solvency — witness was security to Smith in one case, felt uneasy — had a second deed of trust made to secure himself.

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J. H. Hall's testimony

J. H. Hall witness on behalf of the accused, being sworn testified that after Smith's property was all gone some of Smith's debts remained unpaid. — Witness as security had paid $27.00 of which he afterwards received $20. in money and a note for the balance, which note he afterwards gave up. — Witness was unwilling to go Smith's security in the bank before the sale of the negro, unless a deed of trust were made to secure him.

(Approved)

J. S. Gibson's testimony

J. W. Gibson, on behalf of the accused, being sworn testified that on the morning of the purchase, Mr. Davies shewed him a note of some $20. which he said he intended giving up to Smith. — Witness expressed his desire that Mr. H. should purchase the boy. Mr. H. said witness' claim was larger than he expected. — Witness then thought it doubtful whether Smith's property would pay his debts. Witness paid money as his security, but got it back by becoming purchaser of Smith's property — over to his interest in his wife's dower for $300. — Witness paid $25. on one of Smith's notes and Smith subsequently paid the balance. — Witness knows of some notes not included in either deed of trust.

(Approved)

Presbytery took a recess of ½ of an hour.

After recess Presbytery proceeded with the unfinished business — to hear the testimony on the next Specification.

Specification 3rd Breach of Contract made with Mr. A. McCoy of Lancaster for a buggy.

A. McCoy's testimony

A. McCoy being sworn testified that Mr Davies had contracted with him in Sept. 1845 to make (him) a buggy. Witness shewed a paper signed by both himself and the accused, which understood to be a contract binding on both parties and also as a guide for them in furnishing the buggy.

The paper is as follows viz:

"Finish the Buggy — Extra back 10 inches above the top of the seat — plated arm rails — plated dash + carved with patent leather — top to take off at pleasure — Gum Elastic

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with head lining — plated joints joints — apron to take — Spun Elastic — lace round cushions — strab trimmings — to be done by the middle of October and to be finished for $135 without harness or $160 with harness & to be ready for delivery on the 16th day of October 1843.

Sept. 6. 1843.

Signed By
A. McIlroy
J. Le Roy Glavies

Witness usual prices for such buggies was $160 but as Mr. Ll. gave him reason to expect the money at the time at which the buggy was to be ~~delivered~~ finished he agreed to do the work in that expectancy for $135.

The buggy was finished at the required time — witness expected Mr. Glavies for the buggy with the money.

After some time witness sent word to Mr. Ll. that the buggy was ready, and urged Ll. to come and take it away. Mr. Ll. replied verbally thro' the messenger that after he had settled some business in Lewistown, which would be some two or three weeks he would come after it. — Some time after this time had elapsed, witness sent him a note urging him to come for the buggy as Mr. Bysaner one of the workmen in the shop wanted the money. — Mr. Ll. replied that he was going to Waterville in some short time and would call and get the buggy. But he did not come. — About nine months after the buggy was ready it was disposed of otherwise.

After this witness received a note from him stating that he had heard that the buggy was put to use and requesting that the harness which he had purchased in Lewistown should be sent by the stage which was accordingly done.

Cross Examination.

Witness regarded Mr. Ll. bound to be there at the time altho' not stated in the written contract, to take away the buggy and pay for it.

Mr. Bysaner was to receive the price of the buggy.

Mr. Simpsons property was all under a deed of trust at the time the buggy was ready, but the buggy

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was not included. The property was sold under the deed of trust, including the materials in the shop. Other arrangements having been made in regards to the buggy it was not sold not being included in the deed of trust. — Witness acting for Mr. Simpson regarded himself as bound to meet the contract with the accused.

(Approved)

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The deposition of Jacob Bysaner was presented by the Committee of Prosecution and is as follows viz:

J. Bysaners Deposition

Jacob Bysaner being duly sworn by the Committee in the presence of Mr Glavies, testified that

He (witness) was not a party to the contract, but was in the employ of Mr Simpson in the smith shop. That on the 6th of Sept. 1843 Rev. J. LRoy Glavies and A. McIlroy came in his shop and enquired of him, if he could iron a buggy of a certain description by the 16th of October. He answered that he could. He then went with Glavies and McIlroy to the wood shop where they closed a contract for the buggy at the price of $135 without harness to be paid on the 16th of October 1843. Mr. Ll. was to come on that day, take the buggy and pay the money. — The price of such buggies was $160 but as Mr Ll was to pay money and to pay promptly, Mr McIlroy agreed to make it for $135.

The buggy was completed before the time agreed on. The buggy remained at the shop ready for delivery at any time when called for. That Mr McIlroy sent word by Mr Erwin three or four months after it was done that he wanted Mr Glavies to come and take it away.

Mr. Erwin informed witness afterwards that he had seen Mr Ll and delivered the message & that Mr. L. said that he had understood that Mr. Simpsons property was under a deed of trust and that he was afraid that he might get into some difficulty if he took the buggy. But Mr E. said he had stated to Mr Glavies that his opinion was that the buggy was not included in the deed of trust. The buggy still remained at the shop five or six months afterwards.

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Mr. Davies objected to this deposition being received as testimony, on the ground of its conflicting with the written contract, and also on account of the hesitated manner in which it was taken and the imperfect manner in which it was written.

Whereupon the Committee of Prosecution introduced the Rev. L. Murray, who being sworn, testified that he was present during the taking of Mr Bysaner's deposition. Mr. Davies was present. He heard at the time no objection. It was taken at the time as read by the Committee. The testimony was taken substantially in the same manner as that of the witnesses before Presbytery today. — As far as witness knows Mr Bysaner is a man of integrity and truth.

(Approved)

Mr. Davies objected to this deposition being received as testimony

L. Murray's deposition

The accused introduced Mr Isaac Ewin who being sworn testified that he had known Mr. Bysaner for 20 years. Bysaner was known to have testified falsely on one occasion, but made acknowledgement when few members of the session went to him on the subject. It is thought that Mr B. never intended wilful falsehood. — Witness would believe him on oath. Bysaner was to get the money for the buggy. Bysaner, witness thinks would not wilfully and deliberately, even if interested, swear falsely. If excited in a case he might depart from the fact. The Committee aimed to get facts from Mr Bysaner. If left to himself and not excited he would believe him. He was somewhat excited before the committee.

(Approved)

I. Ewin's deposition

The depositions of I. Ewin and J. H. Ashbury were introduced in behalf of the accused and are as follows viz:

Isaac Ewin being duly sworn. Messrs H. & Phan & L. Murray being present as a committee in behalf of the Presbytery & also Mr Bs being present. testified that in the latter part of Feb. 1844. he met

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with Mr Davies in Charlotte as he understood from him on his second visit to Ch. at which time he informed him as requested either by Bysaner or McIlroy that the buggy was ready for him. Witness informed him also in answer to his enquiries, that the deed of trust covering the property of Mr Simpson for whom McIlroy acted did not cover the Buggy. Mr Davies replied that he was then on his way to Ch. and if he succeeded in getting his money, he would immediately on his return go for the buggy.

(Approved)

J. H. Ashbury being also sworn testified that in July 1844 about the time of the commencement at Davidson College, he was in the shop of Hiram Sparrow at Ch. College. He understood Prof. Wilson to be in a contract with Mr Sparrow for a buggy. Mr Wilson hesitated about the trade because of the lightness of the buggy. Mr Sparrow refusing to warrant it. Mr Sparrow turned to Mr Davies and proposed selling it to him to which Mr D. replied that he had one now at the shop of Mr Simpson in Lincolnton for whom A. McIlroy was agent. To which Mr Ashbury replied that he was under the impression that that buggy was sold or at least was gone out of the shop and he had seen it used. At which Mr Davies expressed surprise and disappointment — said he had just got the money and was going for it in a few days.

(Approved)

J. H. Ashbury's testimony

Mr. McIlroy recalled testified that he had worked with Bysaner for 8 years. He is an ignorant man & may be easily excited and confused. The general impression is that Bysaner will not knowingly depart from the truth. He depends much on his memory and it is good.

(Approved)

A. McIlroy's testimony

Rev J. B. O. Wilson witness on behalf of the accused being sworn testified that about the 1st of August 1844. he

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he was in the shop of Hiram Sparrow. Mr. Davis, Mr. Lisbury and Mr. Sparrow were present. Witness being at a buggy from Mr. Sparrow – no harness with it. Mr. Lisbury stated that the buggy made at Mr. Simpson's shop for Mr. Davies was sold. Mr. Davies seemed disappointed at hearing the fact – said he had intended going for it the next week. – Desired the witness he might have his harness provided. his buggy were gone, and wrote it and witness obtained it in a few days. Part of the money paid Sparrow for the buggy went to Lisbury.

Affirmed

Specifn 4th

Specification 4th was taken up viz: Charge of having collected sums for Dickey College which have never been accounted for with the Treasurer of the Board.

Thos. D. Robinson being sworn & affirmed that he has had the books of Dickey College as Treasurer since 1843. He called on J. H. Jenkins and J. L. Evans in 1844 for their interest for 1843. They stated that they had paid accused. But the accused has not accounted by name for these sums.

Mr. Davies' Counsel D. Bell's objection

The further examination of witnesses in the case before Presbytery was suspended until to-morrow morning.

Report of Committee on difficulties in Steel Creek

The Committee appointed at Bethphage to visit Steel Creek, with a view to the settlement of the difficulties existing in that congregation, reported that they had attempted the duty enjoined, but had failed to effect any settlement of said difficulties or any reconciliation of the parties.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion Presbytery took up the report of the committee on the alleged grievance of the session of Centre, deferred from the regular meeting of Presbytery at Bethphage.

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The minute of Presbytery in the case was read.

The Original Record of the Session in the case of Robert Ramsay, was called for. When a single loose sheet was presented, said to be the Original Record in the case. This sheet substantially agreed, as far as it went, with the attested copy presented at Franklin, and now alleged by the session to be incorrect. A part of the Original Record, is said to have been on another piece of paper and to have been lost.

The Report of the Committee was read.

A motion was made to adopt said report.

After this motion had been discussed for some time Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Centre Ch. June 3. Thursday 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on yesterday except Rev. A. L. Wallis, who was announced to Presbytery as having been obliged to leave by sickness.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Presbytery resumed the trial of Mr. Davies.

Mr. J. R. Bell wished it noted that he dissented from the action of Presbytery in admitting the deposition of Mr. Bysaner as testimony in the case before us.

Thos. D. Robinson, being called for, proceeded with his testimony, as follows viz:

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D. Bell's dissent

T. D. Robinson's testimony resumed

That on the 1st day of June 1847 witness had the accused

Charged on his books to the amount of	$1195.50
Credited to the amount of	799.00
Leaving a balance due of	396.50

A settlement has been had since June 1st

On this day June 3rd the accused stands charged

to the amount of	$1195.50
Credited to the amount of	1195.50

The following additional sums stand Chd. to the accused at the instance of the persons named viz

Interest on S. B. Wallis note (by S. Williamson)	12.00
" " G. F. Davidson –	12.00
	24.00

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Interest on J. L. Brown's note $24.00
" " J. A. Jenkins " 3.00
3.00
30.00

Cross Examination

Witness received this morning a receipt bearing date June 3rd 1847 on Presr Wilson of $291 money the accused had paid over to Presr Wilson.

There would still remain a balance of $105.50 due from the accused, which has also been settled by a receipt on Presr Wilson of $105.50 bearing date May 30th 1846.

The last settlement between witness and Mr. Davies prior to June 3rd 1847 was in the Spring of 1844. They had not met since that time with all their papers necessary for settlement.

The amount of interest due on Mr Davies' own notes on the 1st of Jan. 1847 was $291.

J. L. Brown proffers to hold receipts from the accused for only three years. A. A. Jenkins proffers to hold receipts.

Witness has once called at the house of Mr. Davies in Mr D's absence, since the Spring of 1844. to get a settlement with him — and again met with him according to appointment to have a full settlement, but such settlement was not had owing to the want of readiness on the part of Mr. Davies by reason of the absence of papers.

(Approved)

D. B Cunningham Testimony.

D. B. Cunningham having been sworn testified that he had in 1842 found the accused as agent of A College $310 in Notes. He also saw the accused receive money from several individuals at Bethsaphile Church, without knowing the amounts.

Approved

D. D. Robinson recalled, testified that he had receipted accused for notes taken in the bounds of Harmony Presbytery but, for no money. The book of

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notes contains an entry of money which witness has not received. — Witness state that said book of notes passed thro' his hand to accused at Bethphage at the spring meeting of Presbytery, and was returned to him on yesterday. Mr. D. got the book at Bethphage he said for the purpose of making out a report to the Board of Trustees.

(Approved)

Items 1. 2. 4.

Items 1. 2. 4. were taken up, viz: Prevarication, Equivocation, False Representation and Duplicity.

Report read in Charlotte

The Committee of Prosecution introduced a report read in Charlotte in November 1845 before the Synod by Mr. Davies Board of Trustees of A College, from which the following items are taken, purporting to be facts, which statements are said to be contradicted by the Records of the Board of Trustees and of the Presbyteries of Concord and Bethel, viz:

1. Mr. Davies claims to have been appointed agent by the successive votes of the Presbyteries of Concord and Bethel, and confirmed by the Board of Trustees. (See Report page 1st)

Against the justice and truth of this claim the Committee presented.

1. The action of the Board of Trustees, appointing him agent Jan 31st 1839, at A College. The minute was read. (page 35 Rec. Bk.)

2. The minute of Concord Presbytery, at Sugar Creek, March 12. 1839. recognizing him as the agent of the Board. This minute was read (page 111)

3. An extract was read from the minutes of Bethel Presbytery in which he is recognised as an agent of the Board.

2. The accused claims the power of investing such funds as came into his hands. (See Report page 1st)

Disproved by reference to the resolutions of the Board and Presbyteries appointing and recognising him as agent and the entire silence of all the records in relation to the power of investing.

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3rd The accused disclaims any power or right on the part of the Board of Trustees to call on him for funds or notes, and maintains that he was amenable alone to the Presbytery of Bethel.— Also that he was not authorized to give up notes and funds to the Board without the concurrence of the Presbytery of Bethel. (See Report pages 17–19)

Disproved by a reference to the same records also to the Charter and constitution of College.

4. The accused avers that the auditing committee was procured at demanded, and procured at his instance.

On this point the testimony of witnesses was taken

D. A Caldwell's Testimony

D. A Caldwell being sworn testified that he distinctly remembers that the auditing committee in 1844 was appointed not at the instance of Mr Davies but on a motion made by Mr Penick. After some discussion had been had. Mr D said I require I demand it.

Th. H. Robinson also testified that the motion having been made for appointing an auditing committee some discussion arose and some feeling produced. Then Mr D. said it was his right to have such a committee and he demanded it.

5. The accused in his report uses harsh and unbecoming language in regard to Bethel Presbytery at its fall Sessions at Beersheba in 1843. (See Report page 17.)

S. S. Watson's Testimony

Rev S. L. Watson a member of Bethel Presbytery being introduced and sworn testified that he was present at the meeting of Bethel Presbytery at Beersheba in the fall of 1843.

The agent Mr. D was present and made some verbal statements in regard to D. College and its matters. Owing to the absence of a majority of the Committee of the Board of Trustees on a matter to be laid before Presbytery and also of the papers on the subject, the matter was postponed until the next regular meeting.

Their papers came the next day. The vote of postponement was reconsidered. The business was done on that day. The father of the agent was

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ther present as a corresponding member and facilitated the business. The business was done in an open and honest manner. Witness knows nothing of any shuffling or wire working. Some delay was occasioned before the subject was first taken up, by reason of a doubt in the minds of some as to the appointment of Mr Davies as the agent of that Presbytery, and as to the body to which he was responsible.—

Witness heard the brother who was then Stated Clerk of the Presbytery say there was no record so far as he knew of Mr D's appointment as agent in the bounds of Bethel Presbytery. This was in private. The record was found being pointed to by Father Davies. The business was then taken up and the agent made his statements

Approved

6. Mr Davies charges the Boards and Presbyteries with unkind and unrighteous conduct and motives in relation to himself and does it in very unbecoming language. (See Report pp 16. 17. 18. 19.)

D. A Caldwell being called or having been previously sworn testified that he was on the auditing committee appointed in 1844 to audit Mr Davies' accounts.

That committee reported in the spring of 1844. The committee was continued. Rev M. S. Phale was added to it.

The Committee afterwards met the accused, an attempt was made to obtain vouchers from him. Witness expected they would be given over to the Committee. A remark made by Mr D. induced the apprehension that they would not without trouble. Witness' efforts to get them all failed. The last efforts to get vouchers and a settlement were in the spring of 1845.

Cross Examination

Mr D. exhibited vouchers. Witness objected to one note because it was drawn 23 years after date, with interest from the date— interest payable annually. The amount of vouchers seemed to overrun the claims against him at that time. Witness had no reason to doubt, but

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knew nothing of the safety of the funds, not knowing the standing of the men.

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The claims for which vouchers were sought amounted to about $1750. The vouchers were $2000 or more. (Vouchers were handed to the witness at this moment) Witness thinks these are the same then seen — the amount $1950.

Witness had no claims against Mr D. except as he himself exhibited them.

J. The accused avers that the Boards and Presbyteries resolved to withdraw funds from permanent investment, and from their original purpose to pay existing debts of Colleges. (See Rept pp 10.11.

According to the minutes of the Boards a committee is appointed to confer with Bethel Presbytery on the subject of applying the moneys first subscribed within their bounds, to the liquidation of debt.

According to the Minutes of Concord Presbytery page 111. the former agents are directed to transfer to the Rev J. LeRoy Davies the subscriptions taken in S. Carolina for the College, that these subscriptions may be used to endow a professorship in that state provided such endowment be practicable.

The Presbytery of Bethel (Minutes page 385) directed the funds not originally subscribed as permanent funds, to be appropriated to the liquidation of present debts, and then Mr W. as agent is directed to pay them over accordingly.

The trial of Mr Davies was suspended until to-morrow morning.

Charges & talks of Rev A. L. Watts

A paper calling charges against the Rev. A. L. Watts, was handed to the Moderator by Mr A. G. Neel, was read and is as follows viz:

To the Moderator of Concord Presbytery.

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Rev & Dear Sir.

You are probably aware that for some time difficulties have existed between a portion of the communion of Steel Creek Church and their Pastor Rev. A. L. Watts. These difficulties for some time have greatly interrupted the harmony of our Church and kept some back from privileges. Efforts at various times and in different ways, have been made for the purpose of restoring harmony, but so far all have been unavailing. Equally fruitless has been the interposition of Presbytery. It was expected that our Pastor (as he gave us reason to believe) would have sought a dissolution of the Pastoral Relation, and thus have prevented any extreme measures. But these expectations have not been realized. Since the meeting at Steel Creek of the committee appointed by Presbytery, a portion of the congregation have taken steps to continue the labours of Rev. A. L. Watts until the difficulties are settled in some way — and urge upon me the necessity and propriety of taking regular steps to bring this whole matter before Presbytery for final adjudication with the hope that by this course harmony may be restored to the congregation. Feeling aggrieved by the conduct of the Rev A. L. Watts as being unbecoming a Christian and a minister, I deem it a duty however disagreeable and unpleasant to myself — a duty which I owe to myself, to the Church in which I am an officer, and to the cause of religion in general to assume the responsibility of making the charge against the Rev A. L. Watts, as follows viz

Of conduct in several instances unworthy a Christian and unbecoming a minister of the Gospel well calculated to destroy the confidence of a people in their pastor

Specification 1st In violating a solemn pledge made to Miss Eliza A. Thompson in consideration of which pledge he obtained a certain certificate from her

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Witnesses — Mrs Eliza A. Thomason, John A. Brown, Thos B. Price A. N. Erwin Wm Thomason, Jonathan Reid, Jas H. McDowell Wm H. Steele John Hartt Jas B. Knox.

Specification 2nd In falsely representing the true character of said pledges, made to Mrs E. A. Thomason.

Witness — Jonn Reid, J. Hartt Thos B. Price. J. B Knox Wm H. Steel Jno H. McDowell, W. A. Pressly, S. G. Linnil, Alext Cooper, Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Rev. W. S. Plumer, Robt H. Alexander.

Specification 3rd In making sundry false statements with regards to the reading of a certain letter — said letter being addressed to Mr. Thomason. Esq and assented by Rev. A. L. Watts to have been read to Wm H. Steele and approved by him (W. H. Steele) before sending it. whereas the (Rev. A. L. Watts) had only read certain portions from said letter, to Wm H. Steele — those portions being the least objectionable.

Witnesses. Wm H. Steele. Jas B Knox, Jonn Reid, J Hartt Th B. Price, J. H. McDowell, W. A Pressly, S. G. Linnil Alexr Cooper, Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Rev W. S Plumer R. H. Alexander

Specification 4th In falsely stating that Wm H. Steele had advised Him to send the aforesaid letter on the Sabbath to said Thomason.

Witnesses W. H. Steele. J. Hartt. J. Reid J. H. McDowell. J. B. Price; J B Knox. A. Cooper S. G. Linnil Rev R. H. Morrison D.D Rev W. S. Plumer, R. H. Alexander

Specification 5th In inconsistently stating from the pulpit that he entertained no unkind feeling towards any member of his

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congregation, whereas his conduct and conversation on different occasions implied otherwise.

Witnesses J. Reid. Wm Clark, J. Hartt. Wm H. Steele, J B Knox. J H. McDowell. J. B. Price.

Specification 6th In inconsistently stating from the Pulpit that he intended no personal allusion in a certain Sermon preached on the subject of conscience while under the circumstances it was regarded as personal.

Witnesses. J Reid; W. A Pressly, J. B. Price. J Hartt, W. H. Steele. J B Knox, Wm Clark. J H. McDowell Robt M. McDowell.

Specification 7th Inconsistency of conduct in giving up his charge, strongly intimating as a reason for so doing the difficulties which existed in the Church, and subsequently throwing difficulties in the congregations in their attempts to procure preaching.

Witnesses, J Hartt. J B. Price Jane Carothers. J. H. McDowell. J Reid. Wm Steele. J B Knox. Alexr Cooper S. G. Linnil. Alexr Robinson. Wm Clark. Jas Marshall. Andrew Grier.

Steele Creek May 26. 1847.
Alext G. Steele

Whereupon it was.

Resolved 1st That Presbytery will entertain the case of charges preferred against the Rev. A. L. Watts

Resolved 2nd That when Presbytery finally closes its present sessions, it will adjourn to meet at Steele Creek Church on wednesday the 14th day of July next at 10 o'clock A.M. and that the parties in the above case be directed to be in readiness for trial at that time.

Resolved 3rd That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is

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directed to send a copy of these charges with the names of all the witnesses, and also to issue citations for the accused, and for all the witnesses whose names have been here presented by the accuser and also for such witnesses as Mr. Walls may choose to have cited, to appear before Presbytery at the aforesaid time and place.

Resolved 4th That the Rev. J. H. Wall, Rev. L. Murray Rev. Dr. Monsen and Mr. R. M. Alexander be a committee to take the depositions of Messrs J. A. Brown and Mr. Thompson and Mrs C. A. Thompson.

Resolved 5th That in consideration of the absence of the Rev. A L Wallis, by reason of severe illness, the same Committee be directed to take the depositions of any witnesses whose depositions Mr Wallis may wish taken, giving due notice to prosecutor of the time and place at which such depositions are to be taken.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Friday June 4th 1847. 8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday except Dr B. Cunningham, R. H. Alexander, and Robt Potts, who were absent without leave.

Resolutions on Adjournment

The following resolutions were adopted viz:
1. Resolved. That in order to reach our respective appointments on sabbath, we will adjourn our present sessions to-morrow at 12 o'clk M. if not ready sooner.
2. Resolved. That we will hold a night sessions to-night with the view to getting thro' the business before us as far as practicable.

Mr. Davies' Trial, resumed

The trial of Mr. Davies was resumed.

Mr. Davies gave notice that he objected to

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to the testimony of Mr Cunningham given in yesterday and that he would hand in his reasons.

Note from Mr. Locke

A note was received from Mr. R. Locke attested by J. B. Gibson, saying that on further deliberation, he does not wish the $23. item in his testimony to be considered as positive.

J. H. Smith recalled

J. H. Smith recalled testified that he was present at the settlement and is confident that the $23. ought not to be entered as a separate item in Locke's testimony, being included in the item of $206.

(Approved)

G. W. Stinson's testimony

G. W. Stinson being sworn in behalf of the accused testified that he was on the committee appointed to audit Mr Davies' accounts. Examined claims as exhibited by Mr Davies. Spent nearly a day. Calculated interest. Saw vouchers. Vouchers surpassed the claims as exhibited by Mr. Davies. Mr D exhibiting both claims and vouchers. Calculated interest from the time Mr D. received the money and papers up to that day. Recollects of making no report. Never afterwards met the accused as a member of a committee. Dr A Caldwell and witness composed that committee.

When examining the claims Mr Davies read out from a book the claims, but witness looked on and saw it correctly. It was the original subscription taken by Dr Monsen & Mr Spencer.

(Approved by witness)

Testimony closed

The parties now severally announced that they had no further testimony to offer. The accused expressing regret that some others were not present whom he would have presented as witnesses.

The testimony was all read as taken down.

The Committee of Prosecution was heard to their satisfaction.

The accused was also heard to his satisfaction.

The Roll was called that the other members might severally have an opportunity of expressing their views of the case.

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Before the calling the roll was completed Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 8 o'clock this evening.

8 o'clock P. M.

Night sessⁿ

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as before.

Calling the roll was continued and completed.

Vote of Presb.

The several members having expressed their views the vote for sustaining or not sustaining the charges was taken on the several Items and Specifications, by a call of the roll. The vote stood as follows on the several points viz:

Items I. II. III. Conduct unbecoming a minister and christian. Prevarication, Equivocation, False Representation and duplicity.

Specifn 1st Case of sample of sugar.
Not sustained unanimously.

Specifn 2. Statements in the Report read before the Board of Trustees of Dd College.
Sustained. Vote. Sustain 18. Sustain in part 2. Not sustain 7.

Specifn 3rd Statements to Col. Shive.
Not sustained. Vote Not sustain 26. Sustain 1.

Item III. Breach of Contract, Breaching and Shaving notes.

Specifn 1st Case of buggy contracted for in Lincolnton.
Sustained. Vote. Sustain 21. Not sustain 6.

Specifn 2nd Brennans account for repairing carriage.
Sustained. Vote. Sustain 15. Not sustain 12.

Specifn 3rd Shaving notes bought of J Carruthers and M. B. Johnston.
Sustained. Vote Sustain 16. Not sustain 11.

In relation to the remaining charge of

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of having collected funds for Dd College which have never been accounted for, Messrs McCutcheon and M. Johnston were appointed to prepare and report to Presbytery a minute explanatory of the case and expressive of the views of the Presbytery.

Messrs Wd S. Pharr, J. M. Wilson, Murray, King and Rosebrough were appointed to prepare a minute expressing the final judgment of Presbytery in the case.

It was,

Resolved, That in the concluding prayer when we adjourn the present session, special reference be had to the solemn business in which we are engaged and that the divine blessing and direction be specially sought in behalf of the Committee just appointed, and of the Presbytery in its final action in the case.

Presbytery having continued its session until near 1 o'clock on the morning of the 5th of June, adjourned with prayer to meet at 6 o'clk A.M. of the same.

Saturday June 5th 6 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday with the exception of Dan Alexander absent without leave.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute in relation to the charge agt the accused, of having collected funds for Dd College which have never been accounted for, reported the following minute which was adopted, viz:

In relation to the charge against Mr. Davies of having collected funds for D. College which have never been accounted for with the Treasurer, Presbytery would adopt the following minute viz:

On the first day of June 1847 Mr. Davies was due the College three hundred and ninety six dollars and

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and fifty cents, of which $291. were interest on his own notes. But since we here met Mr. Davies has paid the Treasurer the above sum of $396.50 in two receipts one dated May 30th 1846 & the other June this 3rd 1847. The Treasurer had him charged with $30. additional, for which claim the Treasurer has no reliable evidence and relinquishes the same.

It appears also in evidence that Mr. Davies is charged with certain small sums on the S. Carolina funds, but as he had no expectation of this particular coming up in charge against him, and as he has not had sufficient opportunity of consulting the books of said funds, these books having but recently come into the hands of the Treasurer, from S. Carolina, and in as much as Mr. Davies promises to account to the Board of Trustees of College for said small sums,

Therefore,

Resolved, That in view of these above related facts, Presbytery dismiss the charge of made against Mr. Davies of having collected funds which have never been accounted for with the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the final judgment of Presbytery in the case of Mr. Davies presented the following report which was accepted, and adopted by calling the roll and taking the vote on the several points in it. viz:

Final judgment

Whereas for a length of time rumours injurious to the character and ministerial standing of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, had been in circulation throughout the country, demanding an investigation which the said J. LR. Davies requested should be instituted.

At his request, and on the grounds of common fame an investigation was instituted

Mr. Davies' case

before this Presbytery, on charges and specifications which have been, on the present occasion, patiently and painfully examined, affording the accused every opportunity which he asked to rebutt and invalidate the charges brought against him, and to make his defence. After said examination it appears by the solemn vote of this Presbytery, that the Rev. J. LR. Davies is convicted of the following charges and specifications viz:

Items I. II. IV. as found in the charges tabled, viz:

Conduct unbecoming a Christian and a minister, Prevarication, Equivocation, False Representation and Duplicity, as founded on his report to the Boards of Trustees of the College.

Item III. Breach of Contract, overreaching and shaving notes.

Specification 1st A Contract made with A. M. C. of Lincolnton for a Buggy, and broke

Specification 2nd Refusing on unjustifiable grounds to pay a bill due Messrs Overman and Trotter of Charlotte for repairing his carriage.

Specf.n 3rd The purchase of two notes below their value when he was sure of getting and did get the full value of said notes.

In view of these high and solemn charges and of their number and various specifications, their hurtful influence to the Ministerial character and to the cause of the Christian Religion, it is the judgment of this Presbytery,

1. That the said J. LRoy Davies be now required to make satisfactory confession of the charges of which he has been convicted before this Presbytery.
2. That he be rebuked and admonished by the Moderator publicly.

The above report was adopted by the following vote viz:

1. Preamble — — Nemine dipentiente.

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2. First Clause of Judgment – For adopting 24. Not Digest 2.
3. Second do – do – For adopting 19. Not adopting 6. Non-Liquet 1.

Time allowed Mr. Davies for reflection.

Thirty minutes were allowed Mr. Davies for reflection in relation to the judgment of Presbytery in his case.

Prosecutor in case of Mr Mutt warned of consequences

The Moderator gave notice to Mr. Reed, Prosecutor in the charges tabled against Rev A L Mutt, that in case he failed to prove said charges the censure of the Presbytery would fall on the Prosecutor.

Final Judgment adopted.

The time allowed Mr Davies for reflection on the judgment of Presbytery in his case having expired, Presbytery adopted as a whole the Report of the committee on the Final Judgment in Mr Ds case which had already been adopted by parts.

Mr Davies submits

The Judgment of Presbytery was read to Mr Davies to which he signified his readiness to submit.

Confesses

He then rose and standing before Presbytery made confession in all points satisfactory to the Presbytery.

Rebuked & Admonished

Then Moderator, in accordance with the judgment of Presbytery administered to him a solemn rebuke and admonition.

David Confesses on the

Right hand of fellowship

Presbytery having engaged in solemn prayer to Almighty God for his keeping on all concerned especially for on our penitent and confessing brother, the ministerial members coming forward gave him the right hand of fellowship.

Vote of Thanks

It was

Resolved, That Presbytery tender their most cordial and sincere thanks to the families of the congregation of Centre for their kindness and hospitality to its members during this meeting and that the Pastor read this resolution to the congregation.

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Petition for dissolving Pastoral Relation at Centre –

Presbytery took up the Petition from Centre for the dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between that congregation and the Rev. J LeRoy Davies presented at Bethphage.

The Petition and also the Remonstrance against it were read.

After considerable discussion a motion prevailed to return to the several parties presenting them both the Petition and Remonstrance ~~on account of the alleged irregularity of the Petition~~

The Rev. Messrs M. L Phare and C Williamson were appointed to preach at Centre on next sabbath week, and in due form publish and preside over a meeting of said congregation for the purpose of considering the propriety of dissolving said Pastoral Relation.

Report of Committee presented at Bethphage on

The alleged grievance of the Session of Centre was indefinitely postponed.

Meeting of the Session.

The proposed amendments of the constitution of Alcollege were deferred for action at the regular meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Steel Creek Church on the 14th day of July next at 10 o'clk A.M.

J. L. McCutcheon M.C.K.

N.B. 1st The following members were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for absence, viz

Rev S. Williamson	J. M. D. Adams
" J. C. Morrison	W. A. Morrison
J. L. M. Freeman	J. E. McPherson
W. M. Phare	C. F. Rockwell
J. A. Wallace	R. H. Lafferty

N.B. The following members retired without leave of absence.

Rev. W. B. Cunningham, Rev. A.L. Mutt, reported to be sick
Elders, N. M. Alexander, Dan: Alexander. R. Potts.

Steel Creek Ch. July 14. 1847. 10 o'clk a.m.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. In the absence of the Moderator, the Rev. L. Murray the last Moderator present took the chair and constituted with prayer. — Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Pharr	Caleb Erwin
" R. H. Morrison & D.	J. M. Moore
" D. A. Penick	W. F. Pharr
" A. L. Watts	J. Reid
" J. L. McCutchan	J. A. Hills
" L. Murray	C. F. Alexander
" J. F. M. Freeman	A. C. McRee
" G. M. Gibbs	J. F. Phifer
" J. M. Hall	T. H. Hinglee
" J. A. Wallace	N. A. Beaty
" M. M. Pharr	J. B. Thomas
" J. M. H. Adams	Jas. Parks
" R. H. Jaffrey	Jno Campbell.
	R. M. Alexander
	Alex. Graham

Excuses for absence

Letters were received from the Rev. Messrs C. F. Rockwell and L. Frontis apigning reasons for absence from the present meeting, which reasons were sustained.

A similar letter was received from the Rev. C. Johnston, whose reasons were not deemed sufficient.

Corresponding Members

The Rev. J. B. Watts of the Associate Reformed Church and the Rev. A. L. Watson of Bethel Presbytery being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Charges vs. Rev. A. L. Watts

The reading of the minute of Presbytery relative to the charges against the Rev. A. L. Watts was called for and said minute read.

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Steel vs Watts

It was,

Resolved, That we now take up the case of Mr. Steel against the Rev. A. L. Watts.

The parties were called on to say whether or not they were prepared for trial.

The accuser answered in the affirmative.

The accused not being prepared to answer the question at that moment was allowed until two o'clock to give his answer.

Presbytery had a recess of one hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

The Rev. A. L. Watts answered the inquiry of Presbytery, that he was not ready, assigning reasons which were satisfactory to Presbytery.

Whereupon it was

Resolved, That the Presbytery will meet at this place on the 4th Wednesday of Nov.r next at 11 o'clk A. M. for the opening of this case, at which time the parties are directed to be in readiness for the trial.

At the solicitation of the Prosecutor the Rev J. D. Hall, Rev. C. Johnston, Rev. S. Murray and Mr R. M. Alexander were appointed a commission to take the deposition of Mr J. A. Brown.

At the solicitation of the accused, the Rev. Messrs Penick, W. W. Phar, Adams, Freeman and Lafferty and Messrs J. F. Phifer and C. T. Alexander were appointed a commission to take the depositions of Misses Isabella McLaurin, Caroline McLaurin and Mary McMillan, in Fayetteville, during the approaching meeting of the Synod of N. Carolina.

It was,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be and hereby is directed to cite, the Rev. A. L. Watts, and all the witnesses whose names are given by the Prosecutor, and also all such as the Rev. A. L. Watts may requires, to appear before Presbytery at the time and

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place appointed for attending to this business.

Rev. J. A. Wallace requested a dismission with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Harmony. His request was granted.

The Committee appointed to attend at Centre and hold a meeting of that Congregation, relative to the dissolution of the Pastoral Relation between that Congregation and its Pastor, reported that they had done as directed, and the Congregation had voted for a dissolution of said Pastoral Relation, by a small majority — 26 to 24.

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted viz:

Whereas a Petition signed by the Chairman of a meeting of Centre Congregation, praying a dissolution between that Congregation and the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies and also a Remonstrance against said Petition as having been unconstitutionally and unjustly gotten up, signed by a number of individuals, were laid before this Presbytery during its sessions at Bethphage — and whereas Presbytery at its recent meeting at Centre Ch. regarding said Petition as not being in due form, returned both the Petition and the Remonstrance to the several parties from which they came, and at the same time appointed a Committee to visit that Congregation and in a regular way ascertain the sense of that people in relation to said dissolution — and whereas that Committee report that they have held at Centre Ch. a regular meeting of the constitutional voters of that Congregation, and that when the vote was taken it stood 26 for and 24 against a dissolution — and whereas the Committee also give it as their opinion, that the interests of that Church require that said Pastoral Relation be dissolved

Therefore

Resolved, That the Pastoral Relation between the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, and the Congregation of Centre be and hereby is dissolved and that Church declared vacant.

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Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Marion on Friday the 20th day of August at 11. o'clk A. M.

J. L. McAuteehan St.Clk.

N.B. The following members were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding their reasons, viz

Rev. S. Williamson	Rev. D. B.C. Wilson
" H. R. Pharr	" J. M. Wilson
" J. LeRoy Davies	" W. S. Morrison
" W. S. Hall	" J. C. McPherson
" J. C. Morrison	" H. B. Cunningham

Rev. C. Johnston's reasons were not sustained.

Mr. Johnston's letter assigning reasons for absence from the meeting at Steel Creek was at his own request permitted to be written in the Book of Presbyterial Records, by a vote of Presbytery & is as follows viz: (See page 84.

Mr. Johnston's Letter of Excuse

Charlotte July 13th 1847

Rev & Dear Sir.

Permit me to state to you, and through you to the Presbytery of Concord, about to convene at Steel Creek, the reasons of my absence from your approaching sessions.

Though I have been engaged in teaching school during the greater portion of my ministerial life, yet I have not regarded that fact as a justifiable excuse for absence from the regular meetings of Presbytery, and I now remember but one instance in which that engagement kept me from Presbytery during the last twenty years. I fully acknowledge the right of Presbytery to direct and control its members.

The reason of my absence at this time is the fact that the meeting of Presbytery takes place immediately before the time appointed for the annual examination by the Trustees of the Female Academy in this place, with which I am connected, that I feel it to be my duty to remain in the school room with the classes. I do hope that the known impropriety of the teacher's absence just before a public examination will be regarded as a sufficient excuse. May grace, mercy and peace from God, rest upon you in all your deliberations.

Very respectfully yours &c
C. Johnston

Marion, McDowell Co. N.C. Aug. 20. 1847
11. o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.
Opened in the absence of the Moderator, with a sermon
by the Rev. D. F. Phare, the last Moderator present, from
Eph. 2:10

Constituted with prayer. —— Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Phare	Abner Alexander
" R. H. Morrison A.M.	C. L. Hunter
" C. Johnston	
" D. F. McPhail	Wm. R. Stevenson
" W. A. Penick	Sandy McKinley
" W. A. Hall	
" A. L. Watts	J. B. Knox
" J. L. McCutchan	Jno Houpe
" J. M. H. Adams	Wm Nebel
" J. C. Morrison	W. Coleman
" Wm F. Morrison	Geo C. Alexander
" Lemt Murray	
" C. F. Rockwell	
" W. W. Phare	A. C. McRee
" J. M. Gibbs	J. H. Greenlee
" R. H. Lafferty	J. F. McNeely (Appt attended)
	R. M. Alexander
	M. C. Johnston
	C. J. Erwin
	A. McFarland
	W. C. Johnston
	W. H. Patterson
	Thos Jefferson
	W. B. Rutherford
	Geo. J. Hughey

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Election of officers

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, when the Rev. C. Johnston was chosen Moderator and Rev. Messrs W.M. Phare and R.H. Lafferty Temp. Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour and a half.

After Recess.

Reading former minutes

Presbytery called for the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting and also of portions of the minutes of the two subsequent adjourned meetings at Statia and Steele Creek.

appearance of Members

The Rev. Messrs J. LeRoy Davies and J. M. Wilson appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

Excuses for absence from Centre

The following absentees from the meeting at Centre, being called on, gave excuses which were sustained, viz: Rev. Messrs J.C. Morrison, W.W. Phare J. M. D. Adams, W. A. Morrison, C. F. Rockwell and R. H. Lafferty.

Excuses for absence from Steele Creek

The following absentees from the meeting at Steele Creek offered excuses which were sustained viz: Rev. Messrs H. A. Pharr, W. R. Morrison and J. R. Parks.

The excuses of the following members were not sustained, viz: Rev. Messrs W. A. Hall, J. C. Morrison and J. M. Wilson.

Change of Members

Mr J. F. McNeely who had taken his seat as the alternate from Sugar Creek, informed Presbytery that Mr. Ira Parks the principal had arrived, and asked leave to resign his seat in favour of the principal.

The request was granted and Mr Parks took his seat.

Communication fr. Bd. Tr. of Coll. about another Prof.

A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was read, in which the Boards request a joint meeting of the Presbyteries of Concord, Bethel and

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Fayetteville, at Steele Creek Chh on the 25th of November next for the election of an additional Professor in D. College

No action was taken on the subject owing to the fact that at the time proposed, this Presbytery expects to be in session at Steele Creek Chh.

Appeal from Paw Creek J. Cathey

An appeal from a decision of the Session of Paw Creek Church, in the case of John Cathey who had married his deceased wife's sister and was suspended from the privileges of the Church for the same, was presented, read and referred to a Judicial Committee consisting of Messrs Penick, H. A. Pharr, W. R. Morrison, Rutherford and Hunter.

Referred to a Committee

Sketches of N. Carolina

A communication from the Rev. W. H. Foote D.D. in relation to the Sketches of N. Carolina, was read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs J. R. Davies J. M. Wilson and A. C. McKee.

Petition for organization of a new Chh. Bethesda

A petition signed by 38 persons, praying the organization of a Church on the Georgia Road in Iredell Co. to be called Bethesda Church, was read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs J. M. Wilson, H. A. Pharr and Wm Brevard, for consideration and to be reported on during the present meeting.

J. C. Davis Corr. Member

The Rev J. C. Davis of Holston Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Committees appointed

The following committees were appointed viz
1. on Devotional Exercises.
Messrs Gibbs, Watts and Greenlee.
2. on the Minutes of the General Assembly.
Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. and Messrs Murray & McJohnston.

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3. To prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion in our bounds, for Synod.
Messrs Adams. J. E. Morrison and C. J. Erwin.

Free conversation on St. of Rel

— The Free Conversation on the State of Religion in our bounds was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 4 oclock P. M.

Mr Williamson appears in Presb.

Rev. S. Williamson D. D. appeared in Presbytery, took his seat and gave reasons for absence from the meetings at Bethphage, Centre and Steel Creek

Doctrinal Sermon

The subject of the Doctrinal Sermon was called up, when it was found that neither principal nor alternate appointed at Franklin was present.
Mr Watts with Mr Adams as his alternate to preach said sermon at our next regular meeting on the subject of "Good Works" as presented Chap. 16. of the Confession.

Popery Sermon

Mr Johnston with Mr Davies as his alternate, was continued from his appointment at Fourth Creek, to preach on the subject of Popery at our next regular sessions.

Report of Comm's C. G. A.

Rev. Messrs W. M. Pharr and C. H. Rockwell our Commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly presented their reports.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9. oclock.

Saturday morning 9 oclk. Aug. 21.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. — Present as on yesterday.

Dept of Comm on Dev. Exercises

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported the following arrangement for these

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exercises, which was adopted viz:

Arrangement for Devotional exercises -

1. Singing and Prayer, by the Rev. W. S. Pharr.
2. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. C. Johnston
3. Address by by Rev. N. H. Morrison D. D.
4. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Penick
5. Singing and Benediction by Rev. Dr Williamson
6. That these exercises take place this afternoon at 3 oclk.

Mr McPherson appears -

The Rev. J. C McPherson appeared in Presbytery and after assigning reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Report of Comm. the appeal of Mr Gathey

The Judicial Committee presented the following report in relation to the appeal of Mr. J. Gathey which was accepted and adopted viz:

The Judicial Committee to which was referred a paper purporting to be an appeal of John Gathey from a decision of the Session of Pan Creek, beg leave to submit the following as their report viz:

Whilst the Committee cannot sustain the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal, inasmuch nevertheless as the last Gen. Assembly directed the case to be brought before this Presbytery, and as the appeal itself seems to have been conducted in a constitutional way, it is recommended that the Presbytery entertain the appeal, and in accordance with Mr Gathey's request appoint some one to conduct his defence.

The Committee further recommend that in the further prosecution of the case, the method be pursued which is prescribed in our Book of Discipline. Chap. 7. Sec. 3. Paragraphs 8 & 9.

It was made the order of the day for half past 11. oclock to-day to take up the above appeal.

Messrs Coleman and J. M. Wilson were appointed to defend the appellant and Mr Lafferty to defend the Session appealed from.

Mr Adams Pastoral Relation

Rev. J. M. D. Adams presented a request that

Mr. Adams' Pastoral Relation — Request not granted

Presbytery would dissolve the Pastoral Relation existing between himself and the congregation of Third Creek.

After hearing Mr. Adams' statements and also statements from the Elder from that congregation Presbytery declined granting the request.

Report of Comm. on Min. Gen. Assembly.

The committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported the following items as claiming the attention of Presbytery, viz:

1. At page 388. Resolution 4th A recommendation that Synods and Presbyteries take measures to secure the largest possible contributions to the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions

2. At page 391. A resolution in relation to systematic and annual contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions

3. At page 394. A resolution calling on Presbyteries to be more prompt and liberal in their contributions to the contingent fund of the Gen. Assembly.

4. At page 399. Proposed additions to our Form of Government.

Action on above report

At these several items the following action was taken, by Presbytery viz:

At Item 1st it was

Resolved 1st That this Presbytery fully concurs in the importance attached to the cause of Domestic Mission by the resolutions of the General Assembly.

Resolved 2nd That speedy and efficient efforts should be made by the members and churches of this Presbytery to liquidate the debt incurred in the support of our missionaries.

At Item 2nd It was

Resolved, That all the churches under the care of this Presbytery are expected as a matter of duty and consistency to contribute systematically and annually to the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Assembly.

Contg. fund of Gen. Assembly.

At Item 3rd — the contingent funds of Gen. Assembly. It was

Resolved, That in compliance with the injunction of the General Assembly, Presbytery will at its next spring session take action in relation to the contingent funds of the Assembly.

The consideration of Item 4th was postponed until our next spring session.

Mr. Bathey's appeal taken up.

The hour having arrived for taking up the appeal from Paw Creek, the Moderator announced to the Presbytery that they were about to enter on judicial business, and according to the rule adopted by Presbytery reminded the members of their high and responsible character as members of a court of Jesus Christ and of the solemnity of the duty in which they were about to act.

The sentence appealed from, the reasons for the appeal and the proceedings of the Session of Paw Creek in the case were in their order read.

The parties were then heard to their full satisfaction, viz: Messrs Coleman and Wilson in behalf of the appellant and Mr. Lafferty in defence of the Session of Paw Creek.

Presbytery took a recess for an hour and a half.

After recess Presbytery met and resumed the unfinished business.

The roll was then called that each member might have an opportunity to express his views of the case.

The final vote was then taken by again calling the roll, when the decision of the Session was unanimously confirmed.

Notices were then given in behalf of Mr. Bathey that he appealed to Synod, and would in due time lay before Presbytery the grounds of his appeal.

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Devotional Exercises

The Devotional Exercises being the order of the day for 3 o'clock. were attended to according to the arrangement previously adopted.

Free Conversation

After the Devotional Exercises Presbytery proceeded to the Free Conversation on the State of Religion.

Rept of Comm on Dom. Mipsins

The Committee on Domestic Mipsions presented their report which was accepted.

Leave of absence

Rev. W. A. Hall and Rev Dr. Morrison obtained leave of absence from the remaining sepsions of Presbytery.

It was.

Comm on debt of Presb to Mipsionaries

Resolved, That a special Committee be raised, to devise ways and means to liquidate the debt due from Presbytery to its mipsionaries.

Messrs Rockwell, Penick and Hunter were appointed on said Committee.

Am. or app of Tr. Dom Mipsions

Messrs Crum and Coleman were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Dom. Mipsions.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet on monday morning at 9. o'clock.

Aug. 23rd Monday Morning 9. o'clk.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Present as on saturday except those absent without leave.

The Minutes of saturday were read and corrected.

Leave of abs.

Mr Rutherford obtained leave of absence from the remaining sepsions of Presbytery.

Organization of Bethesda Ch. recommended

The Committee to which was referred the petition for the organization of a church in Iredell reported, recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The report was adopted, and the Rev W. A. Shaw accordingly appointed to organize

Resolutions in relation to Centre Ch.

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said Church with the aid of the Rev. J. C. Davis.

Mr. A. C. McKee offered the following preamble and resolutions in relation to Centre Church; viz

Whereas from various rumours which have been heard by members of this body, as also by representations which have been made before it during the present meeting, there is ground to believe that the state of things is not only very unsatisfactory in the church of Centre, but calculated to excite alarm respecting the existence of that church: and whereas it is the duty of the Presbytery to watch, to cherish and to protect all the Congregations under its care. Therefore,

Resolved 1st That a commission consisting of two ministers and two elders be appointed to visit the church of Centre, and inquire particularly into its state and prospects, and to report the result of said inquiry to this Presbytery as early as practicable.

Resolved 2nd The ministers composing said commission be directed to administer the sealing ordinances at that church.

The above paper was laid on the table for the present.

Rept of Com. Charter & Constitution of D College

The Committee appointed to inquire whether or not any thing in the Charter of Davidson College prohibits the election of officers in College, from serving on the Board of Trustees, and also on a proposed amendment of Art. 2nd Sec. 2nd of the Constitution of College; presented their report which was accepted and for the present laid on the table.

Narrative for Synod

The Committee on the Narrative for Synod reported.

The Narrative presented was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod by the Stated Clerk.

Amendmt. of Con. of Coll. indefinitely postponed

The proposed amendment of Constitution of College in relation to the time of terminating the winter sepsions was indefinitely postponed.

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Mr. Penick's resignation declined

Rev. D. A. Penick agent for Foreign Mission in this Presbytery, tendered his resignation.

Presbytery thanking Mr. Penick for his past services declined accepting his resignation.

Next Stated sessions

The time and place of our next regular meeting, was taken up. When it was

Resolved, That Presbytery will holds its next regular sessions at Rocky River Chh. commencing on the 3rd Friday of March 1848. at 11 oclk A. M.

Rept of Comm. on a/c Fr. Miss

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Domestic Mission, that on examination of said account they find that the Treas.r has during the past year received for Domestic Mission, the sum of $454.26¾ and has paid during the same time, to our missionaries, the sum of $454.30¼ which payments are sustained by proper vouchers.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Church in Cherokee aid given

It appearing that the amount of aid promised the Church in Cherokee Co. had not yet been made, it was

Resolved, That a collection be forthwith received from the members of Presbytery in behalf of that object — Which was accordingly done and the collection amounted $18.98.

Circular from Assembly's Bd of Education

A circular, from the Gen. Assembly's Board of Education, on the subject of Parochial schools, was presented, read and referred to our Committee on Education to be reported on at our next stated meeting.

Centre Chh. dis.n adopted

Presbytery took up the resolutions on the table in relation to Centre Church.

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Centre Chh. case

The paper was adopted, and the Rev. W. S. Pharr Rev. Dr. Morrison and Messrs D. A. Caldwell and R. I. McDowell appointed the commission to carry them out.

Paper in relation to a change in the time of the next meeting adopted.

A paper in relation to the change which the Moderator of the Synod of N.C. has made of the time of the next meeting of that body was brought before Presbytery. After some discussion a substitute was proposed. — After some further discussion the papers were both indefinitely postponed.

Jas. Knox received under care of Presb.

Mr. Jas. Knox a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Louisville presented a dismission from said Presbytery with a view to placing himself under the care of this.

His dismission was accepted and Mr. Knox accordingly taken under the care of this Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until half past 2. oclk

After recess Presbytery met.

Aid for Churches in Rutherfordton

A request was presented from the Churches of Rutherfordton and Little Britain for ministerial aid.

In answer to this request the Rev. Messrs Murray and T. C. Davis were appointed to be at these Churches on the 2nd 3rd sabbaths of September.

Statistical Rpt to Synod

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical Report prepared for Synod, which was approved and ordered to be presented to Synod.

Rept of Com. on liquidating Miss.y debt

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for the liquidation of the debt due from Presbytery to its missionaries reported substantially as follows viz:

1. That the Committee of Dom. Missions have now under their care only one missionary, the Rev. J. C. McPherson, Messrs Monison and Gills having ceased their connexion with

the Committee at the close of their respective years, the former on the 1st of March last, the latter on the 1st of May last.

2. The indebtedness of Presbytery is as follows viz

To Rev W. N. Morrison	$152.50
" " G. M. Gibbs	229 80
" " J. C. McPherson	197.85
	$579.15
By May 1st this will be increased $50.	50
Making in all by the 1st of May next —	$629.15

3. Recommending as the mode most commending itself to the minds of the Committee for raising the funds required to meet these debts, that each minister of this Presbytery make effort to secure for this object from his charge, by the next regular meeting of Presbytery, at least $30. and as much more as he can get.

The report of the Committee was accepted and the recommendation as to the mode of raising funds adopted.

Mr. Johnston's Letter of excuse

Rev. C. Johnston's letter of excuse for absence from the meeting at Slate Creek, was at his own request allowed to be inserted in the book of Presbytery in connexion with the proceedings of that meeting.

Rept of Com. on Grievances of Centre Sessions

The 2nd report of the committee appointed at Bethphage, touching the alleged grievances of the Session of Centre Church, having been, at our meeting at Centre, inadvertently put into the hands of an elder of that church, it was ordered that that paper be recalled to be kept amongst the papers of Presbytery.

Charter & Constitution of D. College relation to election of officers.

The report of the Committee in relation to the Charter and Constitution of D. College was taken up.

The report embracing two distinct

points, viz:

1. An examination of the question, Whether or not there be any thing in the Charter of said College to prohibit the election of officers from devolving on the Board of Trustees, should such be the wish of the Presbyteries.

2. Whether or not the Constitution should be so altered as to allow the several Presbyteries patronizing said College, to meet within their own several bounds, and not in convention, when called to elect Officers in College,

was taken up item by item.

As the 1st point the Committee report that they finde in the Charter nothing to prevent the election of Officers from being transferred to the Board of Trustees.

This part of the report after considerable discussion was rejected.

As the 2nd point the Committee recommend the proposed change in the Constitution.

This part of the report was recommitted and the Rev. J. Williamson D. D. and D. Coleman added to the committee and Rev. D. A. Penick excused from acting any longer on it.

Leave of absence

Messrs Adams, Wood, W. C. Johnston and R. M. Alexander obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Vote of thanks.

It was

Resolved, That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the people of Marion and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to our members during the present sessions & that the Rev. G. M. Gibbs make this known to the people.

Mr Cathey's reasons for appealing to Synod

The persons appointed to appear in behalf of Mr Cathey in the case of his appeal, presented

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Mr. G's reasons for appealing

a paper containing reasons for appealing from the decision of Presbytery to the Synod.

It was

Compensation allowed the Stated Clerk

Resolved, That hereafter the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, receive for his services $30. annually for his same to be paid out of the Treasury of Presbytery at our spring sessions.

It was also.

Contingent Fund of Presb. Rescinded. See page 234

Resolved. That at our spring meetings hereafter, each regular member of Presbytery be required to pay into the Treasury of Presbytery to meet the contingent expenditures of Presbytery the sum of one dollar.

Proposed Change in the Charter of Dobollege

The following resolutions were offered and the matter therein proposed, laid over for consideration at our next regular meeting, viz:

Resolved, That the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville be requested to unite with this Presbytery in petitioning the Legislature of N. Carolina at its next sessions for such an alteration of the Charter of D. College, (See 6.) as will allow the election of President, Professors and Tutors to reside on the Boards of Trustees.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions lie on the table for consideration at our next regular sessions and that notice be given to the above Presbyteries of the proposed alteration.

Instruction of Colored population

A committee consisting of Rev D. A. Penick, Dr. Williamson and D. A. Caldwell, was appointed to take into consideration the religious instruction of the colored population in our bounds and to report thereon at our next Stated Meeting.

Comm. on Dr. Foote's letter.

The Committee to which was referred Dr. Foote's letter touching the "Sketches of N. Carolina;

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returned said letter, saying that they were unable to make any report on the subject presented therein. The committee was discharged.

The minutes of this day were read.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Steel Creek Church on the 24th Nov. next at 11. o'clock A.M.

J. S. McCutchan Stated Clk

N.B. The following members were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. A. Foote, Rev. J. D. Gallo. Rev. W. C. Wilson, Rev. J. F. W. Freeman, Rev. H. B. Cunningham

Statistical Report to Synod in the fall of 1847.

The Presbytery of Concord would report to the Synod of N. Carolina, that

They consist of 27. Ministers, and have under their care 6. Licentiates and 55 Churches and 1. Candidate.

On the 8th of April 1847. they received from the Presbytery of Chickasaw the Rev. J. A. Wallace.

On the 9th of the same month they dismissed Mr. C. K. Caldwell as a Licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

On the 10th of the same month they dismissed the Rev. Jas. Ken to join the Presbytery of Transylvania.

On the same day they licensed as probationers for the Gospel Ministry Messrs Thaddeus C. Cranford and Saml. C. Phair.

On the 1st day of June they received as a Licentiate from the Presbs of Bethel Mr W. J. Savage.

On the 14th of July they dispolved the Pastoral Relation between the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies and the congregation of Centre.

On the same day they dismissed the Rev. J. A Wallace, to join the Presbytery of Harmony.

On the 23rd of August they received as a Licentiates from the Presbytery of Louisville, Mr. Jas. Knox.

Marion, N.C. } By order of Presbytery
Aug. 23rd 1847 } J. L. McCutchan St. Clerk.

Thus far Examined & approved
Nov 6th 1847 Evander McNair Mod of Lyn
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Steel Creek, N.C. Nov. 24. 1847. 11. o'clk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. — constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. L. Pharr	
" C. Johnston	Alex. Graham
" C. A. Penick	Walter F. Pharr
" D. A. Pharr	Thos. Stevenson
" A. L. Watts	Jas B. Knox
" J. L. McCutchan	Richd G. Archibald
" J. D. Hall	Ch. D. Gingles
" J. C. Morrison	R. M. Allison
" E. F. Rockwell	R. A. Beaty
" W. M. Pharr	Robt Caldwell
" G. M. Gibbs	J. Campbell
" R. H. Lafferty	
" J. M. D. Adams	J. M. Ross
" H. B. Cunningham	Thos Y. Johnston
" I. B. C. Wilson	Wm. King
" J. M. Wilson	Jno. M. McFarland
	A. R. Guffey

The Rev. Messrs Peacock, Campbell and McNair of Fayetteville Presbytery being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

A letter was received and read, from the Rev. I. Frontis, assigning as the of his absence from the present meeting, the sickness of his family. His excuse was deemed satisfactory.

The time of our next spring sessions was reconsidered, and changed from the 3rd Friday in March to the 2nd Friday in April 1848. at 11. o'clk A. M.

The following parts of trials were assigned

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Parts of trial assigned R. Y. Penick

to Mr. P. Y. Penick, our candidate, viz
1. Latin Exegesis- Theme- An anima humana, generatione naturali propagata sit?
2. Critical Exercise, on 2. Thess. 2: 7—12.
3. Lecture- on Psalm 92: 12—15
4. Popular Sermon, on 2. Cor. 5: 21.

It was

Dr. Atkinson & Education cause

Resolved, That the Rev. W. A. Atkinson D. D. Agent for the Education Cause, be invited our Churches in the months of June, July and August.

S. L. Watson Cor. member

Rev. S. L. Watson a member of Bethel Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Trial of Rev. A. L. Watts

Presbytery took up the case of A. G. Reed against Rev. A. L. Watts.

The former minutes of Presbytery in the case were read.

The parties were called on to say whether or not they were ready for trial:- When they respectively answered that they were ready.

The Moderator then reminded the members of Presbytery that they were about to enter on Judicial Business and of their high and responsible character as members of a court of Jesus Christ.

The charges in their several specifications were then read to the accused, Rev. A. L. Watts, and he asked whether he was guilty or not guilty.

He declared himself entirely innocent of all the several specifications contained in the paper bringing charges against him, with the exception that he had exceeded his promise to Mrs. Thomason, in showing to two of his lawyers a certificate obtained from her.

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Presbytery then entered on the trial.

Specification 1st was taken up viz:

"The violation of a solemn pledge made to Mrs Eliza A. Thomason, in consideration of which pledge he obtained a certain certificate from her."

The Prosecutor then introduced his witnesses on this specification, who were duly sworn.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met and proceeded to take testimony on behalf of the prosecution.

Mrs Thomason's deposition

The deposition of Mrs C. A. Thomason was introduced and read and is as follows viz

In pursuance of a commission issuing from the Presbytery of Concord to us Jas D. Hall and R. M. Alexander, we met at the residence of Wm. P. Thomason and proceeded to take the depositions of Wm. P. Thomason and Mrs C. A. Thomason to be read in evidence in said Presbytery in a case there pending, wherein A. G. Steele is Prosecutor and Rev. A. L. Watts Defendant.

Mrs C. A. Thomason being duly sworn deposeth and saith as follows.

Question by committee to Mrs C. A. Thomason Is it probable from the present state of your health that you could attend the meeting of Presbytery shortly to take place at Steel Creek.

Ans. It is altogether improbable that I could.

Quest. by Prosecutor- Did the Rev A. L. Watts obtain a certificate from you some 18 months ago, about a conversation you had heard relative to his wife?

Ans. He did.

Qu. Will you state upon what condition (if any) and how he managed to obtain the certificate from you?

Ans. He at first accused me of slandering his wife, and threatened to prosecute me unless I would give the certificate. I at first refused on account of the

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absence of Mr Thomason. He then proposed that if I would give it, he would shew it to no person before tuesday morning, except Mrs Watts. He said if he got home that night in time he would show it to her, if not he would let her see it on monday morning. I still refused and told my brother of the propesition he had made. My brother then told me he thought there would be no impropriety in giving it if Mr. Watts had pledged himself not to shew it.—

Thereupon Mr. Watts renewed the pledge upon his honour not to shew it to any one except Mrs Watts before tuesday morning, giving Mr. Thomason an opportunity to go to his house on monday and take it up if he was dissatisfied with it. — Thereupon I gave the certificate and would not have given it but for the pledge of secrecy. — The certificate was given on saturday evening.

Question by Committee — Did Mr Watts tell you for what purpose he wanted the certificate?

(Approved by Deponent

J. A. Brown's Deposition

The Deposition of Jno A. Brown as taken by the committee of Presbytery was introduced and is as follows viz:

"Question by Prosecuton — Were you present when the Rev. A. L. Watts obtained a certificate from your sister Mrs C. A. Thomason? If so under what circumstances did she give it?

Ans. I was present when Mr. Watts was there and the consideration under which she gave the certificate was that Mr. Watts pledged himself not to exhibit it to any person, till after monday night except Mrs Watts. He said if he reached home in time that night, he would perhaps shew it to her. It was saturday evening and Mr Thomason was absent from home. He was not to show it to any one till after monday in order that Mr. Thomason, if dissatisfied about

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it might go to his house on monday and take it up. I dont think in making the pledge Mr Watts made use of the word Honour. If he did I dont recollect it.

Qu. Were you present during the whole conversation between Mr. Watts and your sister Mrs Thomason?

Ans. I was not.

Qu. What was the first conversation you heard between Mr. Watts and your sister on the subject?

Ans. The first I heard was Mr. Watts offering an apology for the manner in which he had approached her with the subject.

Qu. Did Mrs Thomason totally refuse to sign the certificate, until he made the pledge not to shew it?

Ans. She did, and I dont think she would then have done it, had I not advised her to do so.

(Approved by Depo

T B Price's Testimony

Thos B. Price, having been sworn was introduced, and testified that he was present at Mr. Thomasons when Mr. Watts was there. — Mrs Thomason expressed some unwillingness to give her certificate because of the absence of her husband. — Mr. Watts said that he would not make use of the certificate until the following tuesday morning. Witness was not present during the whole meeting.

Cross Examination

Qu. by Defendant. Did I make a threat of prosecuting Mrs Thomason?

Ans. You did not. If such a threat had been made I would have heard it. She said she did not wish to do any thing to offend Mr Price.

Qu. Did she agree to give the certificate on certain conditions?

Ans. I cannot answer the question.

Qu. After writing the certificate did I not ask Mr Brown into another room?

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Ans. You did. He returned with his sister & remarked that she might not hesitate to sign the certificate.

The Defendant came back and asked witness to transcribe the certificate.

Qu. Does witness know why Capt. took Mr Brown out?

Ans. He does not.

(Approved)

A. R. Erwin's Testimony

A. R. Erwin having been duly sworn was introduced.

Question by Pros. Did you ask Mr Watts if he had obtained a certificate?

Ans. I did. He told me that he had obtained one. I did not see it. He told me he had shown it to as many as he had liberty to shew it to.

Cross Examination.

Witness does not recollect that Mr. Watts used the expression that he had shown the certificate to two or three or as many as he had liberty.

Witness did go to South Carolina for the accused. Mr Watts placed some papers in his hands.

(Approved)

Wm P. Thomasson's Deposition

The Deposition of Wm P. Thomasson as taken before the Commission of Presbytery was introduced and is as follows viz:

Wm P. Thomason having been duly sworn testified as follows viz:

Qu. by Pros. Will you please to state what you know concerning the certificate Mr. Thomasson gave Mr. Watts?

Ans. I was absent from home when Mr Watts was at my house. When I returned, my wife told me Mr Watts had been there & for what purpose. I condemned the course he had pursued in obtaining the certificate. She then told me he had

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pledged his word and honour not to show it to any one till tuesday morning, giving me an opportunity to take it up on monday. I accordingly went over on monday to lift it, being dissatisfied. Mr. Watts was absent when I got to his house. His wife told me he had gone to Charlotte. He returned in the evening. After an introduction by his wife, he stated to me that he had broken the pledge given to my wife not to show that certificate, that he had showed or exhibited it to his lawyer and one or two confidential friends, but that it would make no differences that they would not speak of it. He said he regretted to have to give it up, that his lawyer and friends thought it very important in effecting a compromise with John Grier - that that was his only object in obtaining the certificate at the commencement. He desired to retain a copy of the certificate for that purpose. I said to him there was no difference between a copy and the original, and refused to let him take a copy. The next morning he still insisted for a copy. I refused to give it, but stated to him that I was willing, if he thought it would effect a compromise, for Gen. Neely to see the certificate and to use the import of it for effecting a compromise and for no other purpose. He objected to Gen Neely on account of the distance to his house and proposed John McDowell. Accordingly sent for Mr. McDowell, who came and to whom I read the certificate and to whom I stated how the certificate was obtained and under what circumstances. Mr. McDowell was to tell Gen Neely the contents of the certificate and was to tell it to no other person. And Gen Neely was to be the instrument thro' whom the compromise with Grier was to be effected & Gen Neely was to tell the contents to no one.

Qu. by same. Was the conversation with Mr. McDowell in the presence of Mr Watts?

Ans. It was.

All which is approved by the Deponent.

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The foregoing Deposition as also those of Mrs C. A. Thomason and J. A. Brown are duly certified as having been taken and approved in the presence of the commision of Presbytery, Rev. J. C. Hall and Mr R. H. Alexander.

Jon. Reid's Testimony

Jon. Reid, introduced, testified that he was at the house of Mr. McDowell when there was a meeting on this subject. Mr. Watts told Mr. Erwin that if he would wait until tuesday morning he could see the certificate. But that he had already shown it to as many as he had liberty to do.

Qu. Did Erwin desire of Mr Watts to see the certificate?

Ans. I think he did. Mr. Watts stated to Mr Erwin that he had not liberty to show the certificate.

Qu. Did not Mr. Watts admit at the McDowell meeting that he had given Mr Erwin, as a reason why he could not show the certificate, that he had promised not to show it, but if he would wait until tuesday he could see it?

Ans. He did.

Qu. Did the explanation occur before he made this admission or after?

Ans. It was after.

Cross Examination

Witness understood Mr Watts to say that Mr. Erwin had applied to see the certificate. Mr Watts refused to show it on the ground that he had already shown it to as many as he was at liberty. — The accused stated that he had liberty to show it on tuesday. Mr. Watts stated that he had liberty to show it to two or three, and could not show it to Mr Erwin. This was Mr Watts' explanation.

(Approved.)

J. D. McDowells Testimony

J. D. McDowell testified that he was present at the meeting held at his own house. The Prosecutor

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there asked the accused if he had not acknowledged to Mr Thomason that he had violated his pledge, and the accused admitted that he had shewn it to his two lawyers on monday as tuesday was to be a throng day, and said also that Mr Thomason appeared satisfied with the explanation.

Witness does not recollect the Prosr asking the accused if he admitted that he told Mr Erwin that if he would wait until tuesday morning he could see the certificate. Witness was not present during the whole transaction. Mr Watts' object in getting the certificate, witness understood to be in part to effect a compromise with John Erwin.

Cross Examination.

Witness thinks Mr Watts had reserved to himself the right to shew the certificate to two or three. — Witness was sent for on tuesday morning (after the certificate was given) to hear the certificate read. The reason why he was sent for, Mr. Thomason being present, was that should the statement be denied, he might be a witness in the case. There was no obligation to keep the matter secret. He was not required to tell her. Neither the contents of the certificate, nor was he required to endeavour to effect a compromise with Jno Erwin. Witness thought Mr Watts had two objects in procuring the certificate, one to effect a compromise, the other on account of various slanderous reports which he wished to arrest. Witness does not know all the plans of Mr. Watts respecting the matter.

(Approved.)

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at 9 o'clk to-morrow morning.

Thursday Nov. 25. 1847. 9 o'clk A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — constituted with prayer. — Present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Day of Fasting on account of Difficulties with Mexico

It was resolved that our churches be requested to observe thursday the 16th of Dec. as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, in view of the condition of our

country with special reference to the war with Mexico.

Dept of Comm. to visit Centre

The committee appointed to visit the Church of Centre reported. Their report was accepted and referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs Penick, J. M. Wilson A. H. Morrison D.D. W. Y. Pharr and J. Campbell—which committee is requested to report during the present meeting.

Mr. Freeman appears in Pres.

Rev. J. J. W. Freeman appeared in Presbytery, was called on for his reasons for absence on yesterday and rendered reasons which were not deemed satisfactory by Presbytery.

Call from Philadelphia to Mr. Freeman

A call from the Church of Philadelphia for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. J. W. Freeman for three fourths of his time was laid before Presb. and being found in due form was placed in his hands for consideration.

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Presbytery took up the unfinished business, viz. The Trial of Mr. Watts.

J. Hart's Testimony

John Hart testified that at several times he had heard Mr. Watts say that he was not at liberty to show the certificate to more than two or three friends and this was the reason which he assigned to Mr. Erwin for not showing it to him.

Gen. Reed's Statement.

Gen. Reed stated that Mr. McDowell had never made any statement to him respecting the certificate.

J. B. Maclean's Testimony—

John B. Maclean, witness in behalf of the accused testified that he recollects Mr. Watts shewing the certificate to him on monday of the Superior Court in Feb. understood Mr Watts to say that he had liberty to show it to two or three persons.

Cross Examination

Qu. by Prosecutor—Did Mr. Watts say that he had the right to show the certificate to more than two or three?
Ans. He did not.

(Approved)

Depositions of young ladies in Fayetteville

The Depositions of Misses Isabella and Caroline McLaurin and Mary McMillan were introduced on the

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part of the accused and are as follows, viz:
The young ladies having been duly sworn,
1. Isabella McLaurin testified as follows, viz:
Qu. by Mr. Watts—Do you recollect of my giving a letter to my servant when you were at my house, directing him to go on from his wife's house and deliver it on monday morning?
Ans. You directed him distinctly to stay at his wife's house until monday morning and then go and deliver the letter.
Qu. by same. Were you at my house on the day that Mr. Thomason came there?
Ans. Yes.
Qu. by same. Were you present when I got home?
Ans. Yes.
Qu. by same. Did I say to Mr. Thomason that I was very much surprised to see him.
Ans. I did not hear you say so.
Qu. by same. Did I remark that I must acknowledge that I had violated my pledge in showing the certificate?
Ans. No.
Qu. by Coun. Were you present all the time Mr. Thomason was there?
Ans. Yes until after tea—an hour or more—until Mr Thomason asked for a private interview with Mr. Watts.
Qu. by Mr. Watts. Could I have made such a remark to Mr. Thomason without your hearing it?
Ans. No.

approved

2. Mary McMillan testified that Mr Watts was absent when Mr. Thomason came to his house. We were in the room when Mr. Watts entered. We were present all the time which was a considerable time—until Mr Thomason and Mr. Watts retired for a private interview.
Qu. by Mr. Watts—Was any allusion made to the violation of promises or to the subject at all?
Ans. No.

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Witness further stated that she heard Mr Watts direct his servant on saturday night to take a horse go to his wife's house, remain until monday morning, and then go to Mr Thomasons and deliver the letter which he gave him.

(Approved)

3. Caroline McLamins testimony was precisely the same with that of the preceding witnesses.

(Approved)

The foregoing testimony was given by the above witnesses under the prescribed oath in our presence.

Sl. A Penick
Wl. W Phar
J. F. Phifer
N. H. Laffoon
} Com. of Pres

Spec. 2.

Specification 2nd was taken up, viz:

"Falsely representing the character of the pledge made to Mrs C. A. Thomasson":

Jon.a Reids Testimony

Jonathan Reid, testified that Mr. Watts stated at the meeting at Mr. McDowells that his pledge was not to show the certificate to the Priest or make any improper use of it.

The confusion at the McDowell meeting was on witness only part at times.

Cross Examination,

Witness recollects that there was a good deal of interruption and confusion at the McDowell meeting — several persons talking at the same time. Witness several times inquired what was the particular point under consideration. — Stated that when more than two persons are talking he is liable to become confused himself.

(Approved)

Y B Price Testimony

Tho.s B. Price testifies, that he does not recollect what Mr. Watts in relation to the pledge to Mrs Thomasson, at the McDowell meeting or at the Steel

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creek meeting. Mr Watts was interrupted by questions asked him by the Prosecutor. — These questions were for further explanations.

Cross Examination ✓

Witness recollects that at the McDowell meeting there was interruption at times. At different times there were several persons talking at the same time. Capt. Neel talked a great deal that evening himself. — Witness himself sometimes forgot the point in the midst of the confusion. The reason why Capt Neel talked so much was that he seemed to be the person aggrieved and the meeting was called to satisfy him

Approved

J. B. Knox Testimony

Jas B. Knox testified that he does not recollect that Mr Watts stated at the McDowell meeting, what his pledge to Mrs Thomason was, but witness has heard him say that he was at liberty to show the certificate to his wife and two or three friends. — Witness understood the promise to be that Mr Watts was to make no improper use of the certificate. — Does not recollect distinctly what Mr Watts stated in this house (before the Com. of Pres.) in relation to the pledge to Mrs Thomason. —

Witness thought the confusion at the McDowell meeting grew out of the fact that when one explanation was being made, the Prosecutor would ask a question which led off from the first point, but does not recollect whether these questions were on the same subject or on different subjects.

Cross Examination,

Witness there was confusion at the McDowell meeting caused by interrogations and explanations, so that some persons called for the point under consideration. The interrogations had a tendency to lead off from the main point. The McDowell meeting was in the afternoon and only a few persons present.

(Approved)

J. Hart Testimony

John Hart testifies that he could not recollect what

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What Mr Watts said at Mr McDowell's respecting the pledge, but he did state on other occasions that he regarded it as the letter of the pledge, that he had liberty to shew the certificate to two or three friends and his wife. Witness never heard Mr Watts make any other statement.

At the McDowell meeting there were a good many talking at the same time. The meeting continued two or three hours.

Cross Examination.

The McDowell meeting was an irregular meeting. There was at times considerable excitement. The meeting was of such a character that witness did not have distinct impressions with regard to the statements which the accused made. Yet he was satisfied with every explanation but one.

Approved

Rev. J. B. Watt. Con. member.

The Rev. J. B. Watt of the Associate Reformed Church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

J. H. McDowell Testimony.

J. H. McDowell testified that he thought that Mr. Watts stated at the McDowell meeting, that he had reserved the right of shewing the certificate to two or three persons and to make no improper use of it. At the Steub Creek meeting he stated to the Committee of Presbytery, that he had the right to shew it to two or three persons, but did not say at that time that he was to make no improper use of it.

Cross Examination

Witness testified that the promises and pledges of the accused were uniformly stated by him in the same language. There never was any inconsistency in them. At some times they were fuller than at others.

Approved

W. H. Reed Testimony

W. H. Reed, testified that Mr. Watts at the McDowell meeting stated that the pledge was that he was not to show the certificate to any of the Griers or to make

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an improper use of it. — There was some confusion at some future period of the meeting, but during the first part of the meeting there was no great confusion. The confusion arose from a controversy between the accused and witness.

The Prosecutor asked no question off of the point which the defendant was explaining.

The accused stated to the Comm. (of Presb.) at Steub Creek that his pledge was that he might show the certificate to two or three friends and witness thinks his wife also. — Mr. Watts did not to the recollection of witness state to the Comm. at Steub Creek, that he was not to show the certificate to the Griers or make an improper use of it.

Cross Examination

At the commencement of the McDowell meeting there was no excitement. Witness stated that at some time he heard Mr. Reid say that his faith in Mr. Watts explanations had been shaken.

(Approved)

It was

Convention of Presbyteries for relation to Prof.r in N. College

Resolved that Presbytery now have a recess of half an hour, after which we will meet, in this house according to the call of the Board of Trustees of Maryland College, in convention with the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville, for conference in relation to the Election of a Professor of Natural Science in said College, after which we will meet for the transaction of our own business as a Presbytery.*

Convention of Presbyteries bet. Fay. & Beth.

* According to the foregoing resolution the Presbyteries of Concord, Bethel and Fayetteville held a convention on the proposed subject — There being present of the Presbytery of Concord as seen in the Roll of Presb. of the Presbty of Bethel, Rev. Messrs J. L. Watson. W. Banks and J. R. Baird and Elders. Wm Adams, Jas. Carothers, S. H. Limrick, Wm Riley.

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Election of Prof. in S. College

According to the foregoing resolution Presbytery met at the close of the Convention of the Presbyteries.

It was,

Resolved, That we now go into an election for a Prof. of Natural Science in S. College.

Mr. D. B. Gretter was nominated and unanimously elected — the number of votes being 30.

It was ordered that a copy of this minute be handed to the President of the Board of Trustees of S. College.

Call fr. L. Britain for W. T. Savage

A call from Little Britain Ch for one half of the ministerial services of Mr. W. T. Savage, was laid before Presbytery, and for the present laid on the table.

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of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, Mess Peacock, McNair, Campbell and McDonald.

Rev. W. S. Phare was called to the chair and Messrs C. T. Rockwell and C. McNair were appointed clerks.

The following rule was adopted viz: That the Roll be called & each member who may think fit make a nomination and then the convention vote by calling the Roll, rejecting from time to time the two having the lowest number of votes until there shall be only two nominees, and that then the Convention will adjourn referring these two names to the several Presbyteries to be voted on in their presbyterial capacities.

The above rule was carried out until the votes stood,

For Rev. Benj. M. Smith 12.
" Mr. David B. Gretter 26.

The friends of Mr Smith waived their preference and united in recommending to the Presbyteries Mr. D. B. Gretter.

The convention adjourned.

The convention was opened and closed with prayer.

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W. A. Pressley Testimony

Presbytery resumed the trial of Rev. A. L. Watts.

W. A. Pressley witness in behalf of the Prosecutor testified that he had heard the accused state what the pledge was which he made to Mrs Thomason. He said he was not to make any improper use of it or show it to any of the Griers.

Witness was present at Steel Creek, at the meeting held by the committee of Presbytery. The accused there said he was at liberty to shew the certificate to two or three persons. — Did not at that time hear him say any thing about not showing it to the Griers.

Cross Examination,

Witness heard Mr Watts at the Steel Creek meeting say that he was at liberty to show the certificate to two or three, but is not confident that this was all the accused said in reference to it.

(Approved)

Dr. Morrison's Testimony

R. H. Morrison M.D. testified that he did not hear Mr Watts define what he understood to be the spirit of the pledge to Mrs Thomason, except that he assigned as a reason for not showing the certificate to Mr Erwin, that he had already shown it to as many as he had liberty to do.

Accused asked the Prosecutor some questions, but witness does not know whether it was any interruption.

Cross Examination,

Witness has no recollection that the accused was charged with falsehood at Steel Creek, by the Committee of Presbytery.

There was some interruption on the part of both parties during the meeting at Steel Creek.

(Approved)

W. S. Phare's Testimony

W. S. Phare testified that he did not recollect that the accused stated, at the Steel Creek meeting, to how many he had liberty to show the certificate. He stated that he could not shew it to Mr Erwin because he had already shown it to as many as he had liberty.

Cross Examination.

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Witness stated that he had never, to his recollection, heard the accused say any thing in the subject of the pledge until the meeting at Steel Creek. — Has no recollection that the accused was called on to give or did give any definition of the pledge.

Approved —

J. S. McEutcheon Testimony

J. S. McEutcheon, introduced by the accused, testified that the explanation which the Defendant gave before the Committee of Presbytery at Bethphage for not showing the certificate to Mr. Erwin was that he had already shown it to as many as he had liberty. —

The accused last winter refused to give witness any account of the state of things in Steel Creek, giving as his reason, the hope that the whole matter might undergo an investigation by Presbytery and he did not wish to prejudice the minds of any of the members.

Cross Examination.

The accused never stated to witness in recollection what the pledge was which he made to Mrs Thompson. — Witness was not at the meeting held by the committee at Steel Creek.

(Approved)

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Friday Nov. 26. 9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — constituted with prayer. — Present as on yesterday.

Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Rev. W. Banks Cor. Member

Rev. Wm Banks a member of Bethel Presby being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Watts Trial Specf. 3rd

Mr. Watts trial was resumed, and Presb. took up Specification 3rd, "Sundry false statements with regard to the reading of a certain letter, said letter being addressed to Mr. Thompson and as-

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serted by Rev. A. L. Watts to have been read to W. H. Neel and approved by him (W. H. Neel) before sending it — Whereas he (Rev. A. L. Watts) had only read certain portions from said letter to Wm H. Neel — These portions being the least objectionable."

W. H. Neels Testimony

Wm H. Neel witness in behalf of the Prosecution, testified that Mr Watts had professedly read to him a letter addressed to Mr. Thomasson. — A letter was exhibited which he recognised as the same. The accused read what at the time witness believed to be the substance of what this letter contained, but after seeing the letter he found that all the letter had not been read to him.

Witness heard the first seven lines on the first page and the four lines on the second page immediately preceding the figure 22. and witness suggested an addition which appears on the third page: and as his name was there used it (witness' name) was at his request cut out by the accused.

Witness attended the McDowell meeting for the purpose of receiving an apology from accused for his treatment of witness in the reading of this letter. — Accused offered no apology.

Accused stated that he had not done any thing that he believed was wrong or any thing for which he was sorry.

The Prosecutor asked accused why he had requested people to witness for the contents of a letter only part of which he had heard. The accused replied that he had read all the letter that was at that time written, but after an interview with Mr Johnston he had added more. — Accused did not at that time to the recollection of witness designate the part which had added after the interview with Mr Johnston. Prosecutor asked accused how he explained how witness had heard only the first part and the latter part of the letter. Accused replied that the Prosecutor had perhaps not received a correct copy of the letter. But the accused became satisfied at this meeting that it was a correct copy.

The accused then stated that he had read all the letter, but that witness was perhaps not all the time

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giving attention, or had forgotten. A controversy then arose between the accused and witness. he affirming that he had read all the letter and witness denying. In this state of the business the meeting closed.

The Defendant stated to the committee at Steel Creek, that it had been some time since he had seen the letter but witness thinks he said he thought he had a distinct recollection of it, and that he had read all the letter to witness. except what was contained between the figures 22. as they appeared in two different places. — Accused took a piece of paper and supposing it to be the letter pointed on the first page about one third down and said, there stood figure 22, then he did not pretend to say that he had read any further until figure 22 as it stands on the third page.

When witness commenced reading that part of the letter which refers to the Misses Hutchinsons the accused interrupted him by saying that he did not pretend to say that he had read this part of the letter to him. This part of the letter is before the first figure 22.

In the controversy between the accused and witness at the McDowell meeting witness quotes the language of the letter which refers to the Peels and one of the Griers as being more objectionable than that which was stricken out, and therefore that it could not have escaped witness' notice or recollection at the time when it was said to have been read to him.

Cross Examination.

Witness testified that the accused came to him and asked him if there was any impropriety in his writing to Mr. Thomason on a certain subject which he mentioned.

Witness did not state to Mr Watts that the character of a certain person was impeached. — witness says the letter was read to him about three or four o'clock. The letter was read to obtain his approbation of its

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contents, yet the accused did not state his views or motives in reading the letter. — witness and accused were sitting by the fire in Charlotte when the letter was read.

Witness stated that the accused made no apology. — does not know what was intended by the expression on the part of the accused that he had not done any thing wrong or for which he was sorry. — The accused said at the McDowell meeting that the letter might not have been copied in the order in which it was written. — Thought at the Steel Creek meeting the accused was positive respecting the parts of the letter which had been read to witness, tho he had not seen it for some time. witness thinks he could not have been mistaken with regard to the parts of the letter which he had heard. — Never had any reason to impugn the motives of the accused until the McDowell meeting. — Says accused did not read to him that part of the letter which referred to sending his servant to South Carolina on the Sabbath day. — The accused did not say when he read the letter to witness that he had read the whole. — Thought accused had read only the substance of the letter and the substance of the whole letter. —

Thinks that at the Steel Creek meeting the accused designated the pages and place on the pages of the letter. The accused did not profess to have read the postscript to witness, at the Steel Creek meeting. — witness believes the letter put into the hands of the Presbytery to be the identical letter, said to have been read to witness.

(Approved)

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

Proposed action re S.S. Pharr recommending Providence & Sharon.

It was moved that Saml S. Pharr licentiate under our care be directed to spend a few sabbaths at discretion in supplying the churches of Providence and Sharon.

After some discussion this subject was postponed to resume the trial of Mr Watts.

Jos Reid's testimony

Jos Reid being called, testified that he recollects at the McDowell meeting, the Prosecutor asked the accused

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why he had referred people to Wm Reed for the contents of a letter, only part of which he had heard read. Mr Watts replied that he had read the whole letter to Wm Reed, as written at the time, but he had added some after an interview with Mr Johnston — Recollects that the Prosecutor asked Mr Watts at the McDowell meeting, how he explained that the parts of the letter which Wm Reed heard read were the first and the last. Mr Watts replied but the reason assigned, witness did not understand.

J. Reid's Testimony continued

Mr Watts did at that time give up the position which had at first taken in saying there was a part of the letter he had not read to Wm Reed and took the position that he had read the whole of the letter to Wm Reed. —

This gave rise to much controversy between Mr Watts and Mr Reed, the one affirming and the other denying that he had read the whole letter. — Witness has also heard Mr Watts deny that he pretended at the McDowell meeting that he had read all the letter to Wm Reed.

Witness heard Mr Watts at Gen Reed's own house state that he was willing to make any acknowledgments to Gen Reed, that a gentleman or a christian ought to make. — At the McDowell meeting Mr Watts did not manifest any disposition to make acknowledgments. At the outset of the meeting Mr Watts stated that he had said or done nothing that he believed was wrong or for which he was sorry in this whole matter. — At the Steel Creek meeting Mr W. explained what he had read and what he had not. — He stated that he read to figure 22, near the top of first page, but that part of it relating to the Misses Hutchinsons he had not read. He took a piece of paper in the form of a letter to explain, by that how much of it he had read. He said he had read all of the letter except what was contained between the figures 22. as they occurred in two different places.

Cross Examination.

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Witness understood the accused to say at the McDowell meeting that he had read the whole letter. — Has no recollection that he said that he could not have read a part of the letter and not the whole, at this meeting, tho' it is possible such a statement might have been made.

The meeting at McDowells was not approved by the accused. The object of the McDowell meeting was to give the accused an opportunity of explaining some rumours which were circulating touching his character. — After which those present were informally to express their opinions respecting the fact of whether he had read the whole letter or not. —

Heard nothing about an apology to Gen Reed at the McDowell meeting. — The accused seemed, to witness, to take it for granted that he had injured Gen Reed. — Did not consider that the accused had ever made an apology to Gen Reed. When the accused admitted that he was willing to make any acknowledgment which a gentleman and a christian ought to make, it was in reference to the whole letter, according to the understanding of witness. — Witness understood that the accused had injured Gen Reed before an apology was offered on his part or before he was willing to make an apology.

(Approved —

Gen Morrison's Testimony

R. H. Morrison D. D. testified that Mr Watts in a private conference with the Committee (of Presb.) at the Steel Creek meeting, manifested a willingness to comply with any terms that the committee thought necessary in respect to what he had done or said that was wrong, that would not involve a charge of falsehood.

Cross Examination

He did not say in Charlotte that he considered the meeting here a private meeting. — Witness urged on both parties to come to a reconciliation — Did not consider that the accused had been charged by the Committee with falsehood.

In conference with Wm Reed and Capt Reed to learn how a reconciliation might be brought about, they

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replied that the time for making acknowledgments was now past. But Mr Neel said that as an individual he was willing to look over it, but as his confidence in Mr. Watts could not be restored, therefore the difficulty could not be removed.

(Approved)

T. B. Price's Testimony

Thos B. Price witness for defendant testified that he heard the accused say at the McDowell meeting that the letter was not all written when he read it to Mr Neel. — Mr. Watts explained how Mr. Neel heard the first and the last part of the letter in the following manner. — When he came to the place where figure 22 is first found the Gen. wished him to use stronger language. He then began to interline, but found it could not be read intelligibly. He erased out and marked the place with figure 22. and then put figures 22 on the third page and wrote the part that should have been interlined. — Capt. Neel replied that there was a of the letter before figure 22 which Gen. Neel had not heard. — Mr. Watts replied that he had certainly read it all as then written.

Mr. Watts did not abandon the ground that he had read the whole letter, but confirmed witness in his opinion that he said he had read the whole except what was written after his interview with Mr. Johnston.

Cross Examination.

Witness stated that Mr. Watts said at the McDowell meeting that there was none of the letter when read to Gen Neel, written between figure 22. as it first occurs and the same figure as it occurs again. — Witness remembers that Gen. Neel referred to other parts of the letter where his name occurred in a more objectionable connection as a reason why the whole could not have been read. —

Witness agreed in opinion with others, that Mr Watts had not read the whole letter to Gen. Neel.

The accused said at the Steel Creek meeting

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that he could not be positive with regard to the different parts of the letter, not having seen it for some time — does not recollect that the accused stated at the McDowell meeting that he had read the whole letter to Gen Neel. — Does not remember to have heard the accused declare that he had never read to Gen Neel the part of the letter relating to the Misses Hutchinsons.

(Approved)

J. S. Neel. leave of absence for evening

Rev. J. S. McCutchan obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the evening.

Call from Little Britain returned.

The elder from Little Britain Mr. Guffey asked leave to withdraw the call from that Church which had been laid on the table. — The request was granted and the call accordingly returned to the Church.

J. K. McDowell's Testimony

J. K. McDowell in behalf of the accused, testified that at the McDowell meeting, Mr. Watts said he had read to Gen. Neel all of the letter that was first written, but afterwards wrote some that Gen Neel did not hear.

Witness did not understand the accused as taking two grounds. — abandoning one and taking the other. — When he said he read the whole, witness understood him to refer to what was first written.

At Steel Creek Mr Watts said it was a good while since he had seen the letter, but would state its contents as well as his memory served him. He stated that figure 22. was not on the first, but second page, in the opinion of witness — but would not be positive that Mr. Watts did say it was on page second.

Cross Examination.

Witness stated that when the letter was read to Gen Neel, he understood that it was written to figure 22 and that there was a space left blank between the figures 22. as they occur in different places. Mr Watts did not say there was a blank between the above mentioned figures. — The accused admitted and illustrated his

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opinion that he might have been mistaken about reading the whole letter to Gen. Reed.

Witness agreed in opinion with others that Mr Watts was mistaken about reading the whole letter to Gen. Reed.

(Approved)

J.B. Knox Testimony

J.B. Knox in behalf of the accused testified that he recollects that in Dart's field in the presence of Dart and witness Mr. Watts said that he had not read the whole letter to Gen Reed, and assigned as the reason that it was not all written at the time he read it to Gen. Reed.

Witness has no recollection of Gen. Reed reading that part of the letter referring to the Misses Hutchinsons at the Steele Creek meeting.

Cross Examination.

Witness was at the McDowell meeting. — Said not know that any apology was expected on the part of the accused, at that time. The object of the McDowell meeting in the opinion of witness was to reconcile difficulties then existing.

(Approved)

Rev. C. Johnston's Testimony

Rev. C. Johnston testified that he recollects having a conversation with the accused on a day of last week in Charlotte, in the evening about 2 or 3 o'clock. Conversation concerned the family of Mr. Thompson.

Witness knows of nothing done by the accused, when witness came to Steele Creek to moderate the sepion, having a tendency to overcome the sepion.

Cross Examination.

At the time of the conversation with accused, witness knew nothing of a letter which had been written to Mr. Thompson.

(Approved)

Mr. Watts' Trial Specf. 4th W.W. Reed's Testimony

Specification 4th was taken up viz:

"Falsely stating that Rev. W. Reed had advised the sending of said letter on the sabbath."

W. W. Reed in behalf of the Prosecution testified that he recollects that Capt Reed asked Mr. Watts if he (Mr W.) had not told him (Capt R.) that Rev. Reed had advised him (Mr W.) to send this letter on the sabbath day. — Mr. Watts' reply was that he had, but he did not that he (Capt R.) would tell Rev. Reed.

Witness testified that he did not advise Mr Watts to send the letter on the sabbath, but when spoken to on the subject, replied that Mr Watts was a better judge than he in that matter. — Defendant stated to accused witness at this time that he had not circulated that report — that is, that Gen Reed had advised the sending of the letter on the sabbath. This was before the McDowell meeting.

At the meeting at Steele Creek, held by the Comm. of Rev. Mr. Watts admitted that he had told Capt Reed, that Rev. Reed had advised the sending of the letter on the sabbath. At that meeting he said that witness had told him as before said, but that from his language he inferred advice.

There was no difference between Mr Watts and witness at that meeting as to what witness had told him.

Cross Examination.

Witness said he did not know the object of the accused in saying that he did not think Capt R. would tell witness what he said respecting his advice in relation to the letter. Witness does not think that he advised the accused to send the letter on the sabbath. He only said it was important that the person to whom the letter was directed should receive the information as soon as practicable, tho' he did not say that it ought to be sent on the sabbath. — Witness did not think that his language would or could convey the idea that he thought the letter ought to be sent on the sabbath. Witness said he had heard that the accused had circulated the report that he had advised

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him to send the letter on the sabbath, which accused denied.

(Approved)

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock Nov 27.

Presbytery met— Constituted with prayer—

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

S. B. Phares directed to Providence and Sharon.

The motion directing S. B. Phares to supply Providence and Sharon was called up:— When a substitute was offered, viz. a resolution directing him to visit Asheville and that the Committee of Home Missions be directed to employ him as a missionary in that field.

After some discussion the substitute was lost and the original motion passed.

The unfinished business was resumed.

J. Hart testimony

J. Hart ~~testified that~~ Defendant admits that he had denied to Gen. Reed that he (deft.) had circulated the report about his advice in relation to sending the letter on the sabbath.— He had mentioned it to Capt. Reed, but did not think he would have told it, and did not regard the telling of it to one person as circulating the report.

(Approved)

Jon. Reid testified that Mr. Watts had consulted him about sending the letter on the sabbath. He gave no advice, but did not encourage the thing, because if there were no other reason, that there were then some members of the church who ought to be disciplined for violating the sabbath, and the example on the part of the accused would be unhappy.— Witness was asked by the accused at the forks of the road where they parted again, whether he ought to send the letter on the sabbath. Witness thought when they parted that

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the accused intended sending the letter on the Sabbath day.

Approved

Specif. 5th

Specification 5th was taken up, viz:

"Inconsistently stating from the pulpit that he entertained no unkind feelings towards any member of the congregation whereas his conduct and conversation on different occasions implied otherwise"

Jon. Clark testimony

Mr. Clark introduced by the Prosecutor, testified that he does not recollect hearing Mr. Watts remark from the pulpit that he did not entertain any unkind feelings towards any member of the congregation.— Heard Mr. Watts say that Capt. Reed ought to take the pattern set him by Robert Knox and lay down his office and quit.

Cross Examination.

Witness stated that the remark made by the accused respecting Capt. Reed laying down the eldership was made in connexion with his declining to preach— which he said he was perfectly willing to do, but he thought that Capt. Reed ought to decline the eldership— assigning as a reason that there was quite as much prejudice against the one as an elder as against the other as a preacher.— Witness never heard the accused express any unkind feelings towards Capt. Reed.

Witness at one time thought and still thinks that the Prosecutor was trying to excite his prejudices against the accused, and he did do it. He did it by reading a letter to him and commenting on it. The reason why witness thought he was trying to excite his prejudices was that he read and commented on this letter instead of talking about the matter for which they met, as he understood, altho' Capt. Reed had not stated the object for which he sent for witness.

(Approved)

J. Reid's testimony

Jon. Reid introduced by Prosecutor testified that he had heard Mr Watts state from the pulpit that he enter-

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tained no unkind feeling toward any member of the congregation. — Heard Mr Watts say that Capt. Neel ought to give up his office of elder before he made this remark from the pulpit and probably since too. Heard Mr. Watts say that he or believed he would publish the same from the pulpit. It was on the saturday evening of a communion, which Mr Freeman attended, that he said he intended to make the publication on the next day.

Thinks that Capt. Neel was present on that sabbath. — Recollects that Capt Neel called on Mr Watts at the Steel creek meeting for his reasons for making the remark about Capt N. quitting the Office of elder. — The reason given was that the sepion had told him to quit preaching, or that witness had told him.

Witness never told Mr Watts to quit preaching.

Witness recollects that Prosecutor asked Mr Watts at the steel creek meeting, that if he knew of any improper conduct in him (Prosr.) he would make it known.

J. B. Price's Testimony

Mr. Watts made no reply as witness recollects.

Cross Examination.

Witness testified that the accused had said in the sepion House that Capt Neel ought to decline the eldership, because he thought they should get on more smoothly, if he did. — Witness does not recollect that he ever told Mr. Watts that he ought to quit preaching.

Recollects that the accused said that if Capt. Neel would decline acting as elder, until the prejudices against him died away, he might then be restored to the Ch.

Witness remembers that he gave it as his opinion in a conversation with Mrs Watts, that Mr Watts would probably do better to quit preaching at Steel Creek owing to the peculiar circumstances.

Witness states that the reason why the accused was opposed to the Prosecutor having a hearing before the sepion was that the investigation would involve him as a minister in difficulties.

Witness does not know whether the opposition of

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the accused to the Prosecutor having a hearing was before or after the Prosecutors application to the sepion for an investigation of the matter. — Witness thinks the accused entertained unkind feelings toward the Prosecutor, because the Prosecutor had not come and talked with him privately respecting their difficulties.

(Approved.)

(Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet on monday next at this place at 12 o'clock M.

Monday Nov. 29. 1847 12. o'clock M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. — Constituted with prayer. —

The minutes of saturday were read and corrected.

The unfinished business Mr Watts' trial was resumed.

Thos B. Price testifies that he heard Mr Watts say from the pulpit, that he had no unkind feelings toward any member of the congregation, but cannot say at what time. — Heard Prosr on the day of the Steel Creek meeting, ask Mr Watts for his reason for saying that Prosecutor ought to give up his office of elder. The reason given was that there was as much prejudice against him as an elder, as against himself (elder) as a minister. — Heard Prosecutor tell Mr Watts if he knew of any thing improper in his (Prosecutor) conduct that he should make it known, but not positive with regard to this. Does not recollect Mr Watts' reply.

J. B. Price's Testimony

Cross Examination.

Witness heard Mr Watts tell the congregation that after the close of the year he would make no further appointments and that they might look out for another minister. — Witness has never seen or heard any thing from Mr Watts indicating unkind feeling toward the prosecutor. The accused never told witness that the Prosecutor ought to decline the eldership.

Approved

Cross Examination.

Witness does not recollect ever to have heard Mr Price tell or advise Mr Watts, that he ought to quit preaching.

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J. H. McDowell Testimony

J. H. McDowell testified that he had heard the accused say from the pulpit, that he had no unkind feelings toward any member of the congregation.

Mr. Watts opposed the application of the Prosecutor to the sesion for an investigation, but it was after the decision of the sesion that it was improper to take up the case. Mr. Watts opinion was that we had better not take up the case.—

Witness thinks the answer given to the Prosecutors application, was that the sesion would refer the whole case to himself.— This was at the meeting of sesion when Mr. Johnston was present.

The first meeting of the sesion when the Prosecutor made application for investigation, was not regularly constituted, nor was the second.

Cross Examination.

Witness testified that the accused being pastor of the Church stated that he felt a reluctance to acting in the case, and that is the reason why the sesion was not regularly constituted. Witness never saw or heard any thing from the accused that would indicate unkind feelings toward the Prosecutor, but the reverse from frequent interviews with the accused privately— did not approve Capt. Reid's course, but manifested no unkind feeling toward him.

(Approved)

Wm Clarks Testimony

Wm Clark testified that he had been appointed by the sesion to return an answer to Capt. Reid's application for investigation. The answer was that the sesion preferred that he would refer the whole matter to Presbytery.— Witness understood this answer to refer to both Mr. Watts' and Capt. Reid's cases

Cross Examination

Witness does not recollect ever to have heard Mr. Reid, tell or advise Mr. Watts that he ought to quit preaching.

Witness states that Mr. Watts misunderstood

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Jas. Porter's Testimony

him, when he thought that he had told him (Mr. W.) that Mr. Reid had advised accused to quit preaching. Witness understood the expression "quit preaching" to refer to Steub Creek & his preaching there.— Says that before entering the sesion house Mr. Reid urged him to introduce the subject for which they had met viz. Capt. Reid having a hearing before the sesion. As soon as witness and Mr. Reid entered, Mr. Reid introduced the subject himself. That excited witness so that he did not notice what took place for some time.

(Approved)

James Porter testified that he had never heard defendant express unkind feelings toward the Prosecutor.— Also that defendant had admonished witness to speak mildly on the subject.

Approved

S. Wilsons Testimony

Saml Wilson testified that he had heard Mr. Reid say that he thought it would be advisable for Mr Watts to quit preaching, and he intended to advise him to quit awhile any how.

Cross Examination

Witness never heard Mr. Reid say that he had advised Mr. Watts to quit preaching.

(Approved)

G. Williamsons Testimony

Byrus Williamson testified that he heard Mr. Reid say that he had advised Mr. Watts to quit preaching — that the congregation was divided in consequence of Mr. Watts' conduct and all would not come out to hear him preach. He thought it would be advisable for Mr. Watts to allow the congregation to get some other man.

Cross Examination

Witness understood Mr Reids expressions about Mr. Watts' quitting preaching to refer to his preaching at Steub Creek.

(Approved)

Mr. Watts' Trial. Specif.n 6.th

Specification 6.th was taken up. viz:

"Inconsistently stating from the pulpit that he intended no personal allusion in a certain sermon on the subject of Conscience. While under the circumstances it was regarded as personal."

J.B. Price Testimony

J.B. Price testified that he heard Mr. Watts preach a sermon at this place on the subject of Conscience. Could not say that he alluded to Capt. Reed. Mr. Watts stated at Pleasant Hill the Sabbath before, that so much had been said on the subject of Conscience, that he would preach a sermon on it.

He remarked before he began that he did not intend his remarks to be considered as personal. He did not intend them as such, but said should the shoe fit any one he would have to wear it.

Witness had heard the Prosecutor say that he could not conscientiously hear Mr. Watts preach. — Heard Mr. Hart ask the Prosecutor at the McDowell meeting, to attend Church the next sabbath. He replied he could not come and his conscience bore him out in it.

Sabbath before communion about a year ago, Mr Watts remarked that certain brethren would be here and those that were conscientious might come out: he did not expect to preach any himself. — Before this witness had not heard any other one say he could not conscientiously attend Mr. Watts' preaching.

Cross Examination.

Witness understood the Object of the accused in giving public notice, on the sabbath previous, of the subject on which he intended to preach, to be that the people might generally attend.

Witness was at Mr. McDowell's in the piazza when he heard the Prosecutor say that he could not conscientiously hear the accused preach. — They were then talking about their difficulties. The whole matter was referred to another meeting when Gen Reed raised his factory.

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Witness did not think the sermon personal.

There were at that time but two members of the Church who did not attend the preaching of Mr Watts. — Witness understood since that some person had requested the accused to preach a sermon on Conscience, before this sermon was preached.

(Approved)

Gen.l Reed Testimony

Gen.l Reed testified that he was present and heard the sermon on Conscience. Remarks were made that he regarded as personal, and as alluding to the Prosecutor, for the following reasons. — Understood before the sermon was preached that notice had been given at Pleasant Hill. — Much was said at the introduction of the sermon which led witness to think it was intended to be personal, and that accused intended to guard against such an impression.

Mr. Watts said here that a good deal had been said on the subject the last summer.

Mr. Watts said some people might regard it as personal but he did not intend it as such. — About a year ago on a sabbath before a communion, defendant gave notice that certain brethren would be here, that he did not expect to preach and that those who were conscientious might come out. Witness at that time knew of only two or three persons who did not attend preaching — had heard no one but Prosecutor say he could conscientiously attend Mr. Watts' preaching — had frequently heard Prosecutor say this.

At the meeting before the committee (of Presb.) at Steel Creek, Prosecutor asked Mr. Watts why he feared the sermon would be regarded as personal. Witness does not know that he got any reply. — does not recollect to have heard any other say any thing on the subject of conscience.

Cross Examination.

Witness said that on his way from Presbytery he had stated to the accused that every thing ought to be avoided that would hinder a reconciliation. The sermon on conscience was preached some time before the committee appointed by Presbytery met.

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Witness had heard Capt. Reid say before the sermon on Conscience was preached, that he could not hear the accused preach. There were two or three other persons who did not attend the preaching of Mr. Watts at this times. Witness expected before he heard the sermon it would be personal.

(Approved)

W.H. Reid Testimony

W.H. Reid testified that he had some conversation with Mr. Watts on the subject of the sermon, and gave him his reasons for regarding it as personal. Mr. Watts made no reply. Reasons given — The notice given at Pleasant Hill. — That he had heard no other person, but the Prosecutor say any thing that season on the subject of Conscience: And if Mr. Watts could cite any other case it would go far to relieve his mind — witness mind.

Cross Examination.

Witness said a short time after in a private conversation with witness Mr Watts disavowed the intention of being personal.

(Approved)

J. D. McDonnell Testimony

J. D. McDonnell testified that he was present on the communion occasion last Fall. Mr Watts gave him as the reason why he wished him to do all the preaching, that at the notice of the meeting he had stated that he would not preach any for the reason that some persons would not come to hear him preach.

(Approved)

J. D. McDonnell Testimony

J. D. McDonnell testified that he had had a conversation with Mr Watts previous to his preaching the said sermon, on that subject, and told Mr Watts that he thought a sermon on the subject would do good, and that he would like to hear one and advised him to preach one. The whole subject was discussed in the sermon and was applicable to many persons in the congregation as well as to the Prosecutor.

Cross Examination

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Witness stated that Mr Watts in the conversation with witness did not name any person in particular. Witness requested the accused to preach a sermon on conscience.

(Approved)

J. Davis Testimony

J. Davis testified that after the preaching of the sermon on Conscience, he had asked Mr Watts, if he did not pass over part of his sermon when he preached it — Mr. Watts replied that he had omitted a part because he was fearful it would be regarded as personal. Witness did not regard it as a personal sermon. Some things in it were applicable to most of the congregation.

Cross Examination.

Witness was present when the appointment for the sermon was made and also when it was preached.

Witness had not heard any one but the Prosecutor say any thing on the subject of conscience. The accused stated when he made the appointment that a good deal had been said on the subject during the summer.

(Approved)

Specifs 7th

Specification 7th was taken up viz

Inconsistency of conduct in giving up his charge strongly intimating as a reason for so doing the difficulties which existed in the church, and subsequently throwing difficulties in the way of the congregations in their attempts to procure preaching.

J. Reid's Testimony

Jon Reid, testified that Mr Watts stated that at the end of the year he would give up his charge owing to difficulties in the church, and said that the people might look out for some other man. He preached his Farewell sermons to the congregations. Witness was appointed on a committee of this congregation without opposition to procure some other man. Mr Watts was present at this meeting of the congregation, and made no opposition to the appointment of this committee. The people all seemed to unite in the thing.

This committee met with a committee from Pleasant Hill, and we determined to invite Rev Mr.

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Prentis to come and preach to us. Witness wrote to Mr. Prentis on the subject.

At one time when Mr. Prentis had an appointment to preach here, Mr Watts went into the pulpit and said he was still pastor of the church and claimed the pulpit.

In the session House Mr. Watts said that we could not get another man until the pastoral relation between himself and the congregation was dissolved. It was replied that that was known, but Mr. Hart said that we regarded the pastoral relation as being now virtually dissolved.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until 9 o'clk to morrow morning

Steel Creek Tuesday Nov: 30. 9 o'clk a.m.

Presbytery met according to adjournment — constituted with prayer.

The unfinished business was resumed. The examination of Mr. Reid was continued. He testified that Mr. Watts did not preach in the Church for 4 or 5 months after he gave up the charge. Witness did not know of more than two or three persons who did not attend preaching before that. Several persons did not attend preaching after he returned who had attended before. The difficulties were greater than before he gave up the charge. Witness so regarded them.

Mr. Reids Testy continued

Cross Examination.

Witness stated that when there was an appointment for Mr. Prentis the accused went into the pulpit for the purpose of carrying out an arrangement between himself and the ladies of the congregation. Witness did not understand the accused when he claimed the pulpit, that by that he intended to throw any obstacle in the way of the congregation in procuring preaching. He merely meant that he was still pastor of the church.

Witness agrees with the accused that the congregation could not procure another preacher

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until the pastoral relation was dissolved. Witness was on a committee to procure a preacher for the congregation. When the committee had a conference, nothing was said about inviting Mr. Watts to resume preaching to the congregation. Witness thinks the accused intended applying for a dissolution of the pastoral relation provided there was no charge preferred against him, when he ceased to preach to the congregation. Heard the Prosecutor say that when the accused quit preaching and the people seemed satisfied he would not prefer charges against him, but endeavors to unite on some other minister. Witness does not know that Mr. Watts ever prevented the committee appointed by the congregation from discharging their duty. — The accused continued to preach in private houses in the bounds of the congregation. The committee from Pleasant Hill, had no particular minister in view according to the understanding of witness. There never was a meeting of the congregation for the purpose of applying for a dissolution of the pastoral relation as far as witness recollects.

(Approved)

J. Hart Testimony

J. Hart testified that Mr. Watts, to the people of Steel Creek, gave notice of his intention to give up the charge at the close of the year, preached his farewell sermon at both churches, and declined making further appointments. The churches were regarded by witness as virtually vacant. The committee from Pleasant Hill appointed a committee to confer with a committee from Steel Creek, if the latter thought proper to appoint one in relation to procuring another minister. Was present at the meeting at Steel Creek when this committee was appointed. — Thinks Mr. Watts was present and made no remarks. — Had a conversation with Mr Watts in the session house on the subject of the church being vacant in the presence of Mr. Reid. Mr. Watts said the pastoral relation was not dissolved, and they could not call a pastor

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till that was done. Witness said it was not their intention to make a call.— Said to Mr. Watts that he considered the Church virtually vacant.— Was present the day that Mr. Pharr filled Mr. Frontis' appointment. Mr. Watts said he was pastor of the Church and had a right to make the communication, about a box of clothing, to the congregation. This was after preaching.

So far as witness knows, the appointment of the committee by each congregation was without opposition.

Mr. Watts came back to the congregation in this way:— A meeting was held.— Some one moved that the sense of the meeting be taken, whether or not they should proceed that day to do business. It was voted that they would— the vote was unanimous or nearly so.

By a vote of that meeting Mr. Watts was invited back to the Church to preach. A committee was appointed to inform Mr. Watts of this and invite him back to preach.

Next was the appointment of a committee to wait on Capt. Reed, and say to him that if the difficulties between him and Mr Watts could not be reconciled, he be requested to prefer charges against Mr. Watts.

Witness and Col. Parks were the committee to wait on Mr. Watts.

Witness did not certainly know that the meeting would be till he came to the Church.— Does not know whether or not there was any public notice given of the meeting. When witness got notice it was his supposition that business would be done. About 30 persons were present at the meeting.

Witness had had no intimation that Mr. Watts would be willing to return, if invited. Witness considered the difficulties at that time no less than when Mr. Watts gave up the charge of the Church. At the time he gave up three or four members of the Church did not attend preaching. After he came back several prominent members of the Church did not attend preaching who had attended before. Witness regarded

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the appointment of committees on the part of the congregations that they were willing that Mr. Watts should go, in order to promote union.

Cross Examination.

Witness did not think the remarks of the accused in the sepich house were designed to throw any impediment in the way of the congregations' procuring another minister.

Accused stated to witness that he would not apply for a dissolution of the pastoral relation until the difficulties then existing were settled in some way.

The accused when invited to return to the discharge of his pastoral duties seemed to hesitate.— The congregation after Mr. Watts returned was as large as before, if not larger.—

Witness thinks the request of Capt Reed for an investigation of his case, was previous to the farewell sermon preached by the accused.

There was a congregational meeting at Pleasant Hill where and when it was unanimously resolved that the pastoral relation should not be dissolved. There were present at the meeting about 30 persons, principally heads of families. The meeting was as full as is usual for meetings of that kind on week days.

Witness thought the size of the congregation after the accused returned and resumed his labours as pastor was encouraging.

(Approved)

Congregational Records called for

Presbytery directed that the Records of the congregational meetings in relation to these matters, be produced here as soon as possible.

Thos B. Price Testimony

Thos B. Price testified that Mr. Watts when he gave notice of quitting preaching to them at the end of the year stated to the people that he would make no further appointments, and they might look out for another man as soon as they pleased. He preached a farewell sermon here, not at Pleasant Hill. He did not consult the people and session of Pleasant

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Still in relation to this matter, in the knowledge of witness. — Witness did not know Mr. Watts' intention before he gave the notice from the pulpit there. — was appointed on a committee to confer with another committee to be there appointed, on the subject of getting another minister — understood that when said committee was appointed at Steel Creek all united in it.

The meeting that invited Mr. Watts back was not notified publicly to the knowledge of witness. Prosecutor, Mr. Reid and witness knew it. Prosecutor and Mr. Reid said, if they attended it might do more harm than good. Witness had some opposition to it. All did not vote. — Thinks the vote was taken by rising and when no noes the vote was recorded as unanimous. Witness did not vote on one question, but does not recollect which it was. Mr. Presley did not vote some resolutions passed. Witness knew they were opposed to Mr. P.'s views. Twenty or thirty persons attended the meeting. — Some young men and some ladies were present. — Witness regarded the appointment of the two committees as evidence on the part of the congregations of their willingness that Mr. Watts should leave if he were willing to go. — Witness thought he would leave.

Previous to Mr. Watts giving up the charge 3 or 4 members of the Church did not attend preaching. — Several members that attended before and they prominent members, have not attended since.

The difficulties were greater as it afterwards appeared when he came back than when he gave up the charge.

The committee appointed to get another man did not do it, because Mr. Watts said in the session house that he was still the pastor of the Church. — Witness and Mr. Reid would not act — did not regard Mr. Watts as being opposed to their getting another minister.

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The committee did not meet after the time they invited Mr. Watts. — Nothing was said at that meeting about inviting Mr. Watts back.

Heard the Prosecutor say that if he had the power, he would not drive Mr. Watts away: — it would make such a division in the congregation as could never be healed.

Some thought it would be best for the congregation for Mr. Watts to apply himself for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Some thought and so thought witness at the time he quit preaching, that he would ask for the dissolution.

Cross Examination.

Witness thinks that at the meeting, at Steel Creek, of the congregation the vote was taken on the point whether or not Mr. Watts should resume his labours as pastor and that the vote was unanimous in favour of his resuming his labours.

The accused stated to witness that Mr. Watts was a very fine man, and he hoped the congregations might get him. — that he himself would not throw any obstacle in the way.

Witness was opposed to inviting the accused back to resume his labours, lest it might produce discord and strife in the congregation. — The congregation was larger after the accused resumed his labours, and seemed highly gratified on his return. — Witness did not approve of the action of the congregation in inviting Mr. Watts back at the time it was done, but has since approved the action.

There was no opportunity at the time of giving a public notice from the pulpit of a congregational meeting, there being no preaching. The notice was circulated thro' the congregation and there was no disposition to conceal it the appointment.

(Approved)

J. S. McCutchan obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of of Presbytery.

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W. H. Reed's Testimony

At the request of the accused Mr. McCutchens evidence was taken to be introduced in its proper place.

Presbytery took a recess of a half hour.

After recess Presb. met.

W. H. Reed, testified that being one of the committe to procure another minister he did not aid because he heard of the expression of Mr. Watts in the Session House, about being pastor of the church. The committee had no meeting on the subject.

The reason given relates to witness and to the committee as he supposes.

Cross Examination.

Witness says the reason why the committee did not go on to procure a minister was because of some remarks made by the accused in the session house. Yet there was not any formal action on the part of the committee assigning this as the reason why they did not proceed in the matter

(Approved)

Dr. Presley's Testimony

W. A. Pressley testified that the number of persons attending the meeting, when Mr. Watts was invited back was 22 or 23. — Some of them ladies and some boys who had been hunting squirrels. Witness voted on the whole — voted for the meeting to go on. — Voted by rising on every vote. — Attempted to do it by acclamation, but some confusion followed. Mr. Price was secretary and did not rise. — Witness voted in the negative as to Mr. Watts' returning.

Cross Examination.

Witness says there were some boys present at the congregational meeting. They were Mrs Henry's sons. — Witness does not recollect to have voted in the negative by rising.

(Approved —

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G. M. Gibbs' Testimony

G. M. Gibbs testified that he was at the house of the Defendant about the beginning of the year. Accused had attended the meeting at Steel Creek on monday and returned home on that night. stated that on the next morning a member of the committee appointed to employ a minister would wait on witness to see if his services could be procured. — And witness need feel no delicacy in accepting the invitation from the fact that he (accused) was living in the congregation, as he would put no obstacle in the way. — Next morning Mr. McDowell called.

Witness did not accept from the fact that he knew his own charge would not accept consent.

Cross Examination

Witness testified that had his own people been willing and he inclined to come, the fact that the accused lived in the bounds of the congregation would have been no obstacle in the way of his coming to Steel Creek.

(Approved)

J. S. McCutchens testimony was here introduced and is as follows, viz:

J. S. McCutchens Testimony

Witness, J. S. McCutchen testified that he met with the accused at the house of Mrs Morrison in Iredell co. in Aug. 1846. — Witness advised him to leave his charge and as he had been invited to Rutherford to go there.

The accused made little reply in the presence of the family. — After leaving the house witness again urged him to ask the dissolution of the pastoral relation at the approaching meeting of Presbytery and go at all events. Accused replied that to go under existing circumstances would injure his character for life. It would bear the impression that he could not meet the charges against him. — That reports would follow him and he wished the matter investigated, and then he would go wherever Providence might direct. Accused said he had reason to expect in Rutherford a salary of $400.

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Cross Examination.

This was in Aug. 1846. — Steele not see Mr. Watts during the time that he was not preaching to his charge.

(Approved)

J. H. Freeman Testimony

J. H. W. Freeman, testified. The communion at Steele Creek, which witness attended was on the 3rd sabbath of Nov. 1846. This was the meeting at which Mr. Watts gave notice that he would cease to preach to the people of his charge.

(Approved)

Mr. Frontis' Letter

A letter from the Rev. S. Frontis was read in evidence by consent of parties before the trial began. — The substance of the letter was that Mr. Watts apprised him that should he (Mr. F.) see fit to accept the invitation from the congregations, he (Mr W.) would not only not throw any obstacle in the way, but would be much gratified with the arrangement.

W. Clark's Testimony

Wm Clark testified that he had taken an active part in getting up the meeting at which the accused was invited to resume his labours. Witness does not think any boys were numbered amongst the voters at the meeting. — As there was no opportunity of giving public notice, they circulated the appointment the best way they could. The object was to get the congregation together, in order to see what they would do.

The accused after he gave up the charge of the churches, preached whenever invited in private houses. Witness understood these appointments were to cease whenever the congregation should procure preaching. — The notice of the congregational meeting was generally circulated and the meeting was as full as witness has sometimes seen on other occasions. The ladies who were present were heads of families

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Thos B. Maclean testified that he had a conversation with Gen. Reed the week of the meeting of Presbytery at Matthews. Gen. Reed said Mr. Watts ought to leave his charge and if he did not leave charges would be talked against him — that he ought to leave and he might get to some places where these reports would not reach him.

(Approved.

J. Hart's Testimony Specifs 3rd

J. Hart not having been fully examined on specification 3rd was here recalled and testified (in relation to the McDowell meeting) that Capt. Reed in the early part of the same week said to him and Thos Knox that if they were satisfied, he would be. At one time Reed said it would not be necessary for him to go to the McDowell meeting. In the evening returned by Capt Reed's fields. He and Mr. McDowell were in the fields together. Capt. Reed said something like this; that he would be satisfied with whatever would satisfy the committee of the McDowell meeting. The time between the interview with Capt. Reed and the meeting was 4 or 5 days. The letter was not shown at that meeting to the knowledge of witness.

The Prosecutor had evidence at that meeting that the letter was not sent on the sabbath.

The Defendant the next day at Pleasant Hill was so much affected as to obstruct utterance at times — particularly in the morning. ✓

Cross Examination

Witness stated that the reason why he and Mr Knox went to Capt. Reed was that they knew that there were difficulties between him and the Defendant and they wished to take some steps to effect a reconciliation. The Prosecutor manifested some disposition to become reconciled. The greatest then existing was in relation to the letter written and read by the accused. The object of the meeting was principally to effect a reconciliation in reference to the reading of the letter.

Witness said to Gen. Reed that he thought at the

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time that the accused was mistaken about reading the whole letter, and thought at that time that an apology was due to Gen. Reed from the accused.

(Approved)

J. H. McDowell Testimony

J. H. McDowell, recalled on Specification 3rd testified that from having the lawsuit hanging over him and his wife being compelled to attend Court at Charlotte at the time Mr. Watts wrote the letter, his mind was in a very perplexed state. — In these suits Mr. Watts was both defendant and prosecutor.

(Approved)

Mr. Pressley's Testimony

W. A. Pressley on Specification 3rd testified that he heard Mr. Watts in this house admit to Gen. Reed that that part of the letter which relates to the Misses Hutchinsons had not been read to him. — Heard Mr. Watts say that he had read that letter to Wm Reed and he could see nothing improper in it.

The night that Wm Reed returned from Charlotte at the time of the negro trials, witness recollect his passing Capt. Reed late at night.

(Approved)

Specif. 6th Same witness

Same witness on Specification 6th testified that he heard the Sermon on Conscience — was present on the day — believed there were in it personal allusions to Capt. Reed, for the reason that Mr. Watts said so much had been said on the subject of conscience — Witness had heard no one say any thing on that subject but Capt. Reed.

Witness remembers hearing Mr. Watts remark on sabbath before a communion, that he would have assistance, and those who had conscientious scruples against hearing him preach might come out. —

Never heard Mrs Gen. Reed give any reason why she did not attend. — Heard Capt. Reed frequently say that he could not conscientiously attend on Mr Watts preaching.

In the communications of Capt. Reed to the

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session he said that his conscience bore him witness that he acted right in the part he had taken. This was before the preaching of the sermon.

Questioned by Defendant by Defendant witness stated that he does not say that other persons did not talk on the subject of conscience — Witness stated that he did not pretend to give the exact language of the Defendant, as to the notice given about preaching given the sabbath before the communion.

Witness might have applied much of the sermon to himself.

Questioned by the Prosecutor — Stated, in the introduction to the sermon, Mr. Watts said he had given notice before at Pleasant Hills, and so much had been said on the subject of Conscience — he did not intend it as personal, but if it should fit any one they might apply it.

People were in the habit of applying sermons to others in this congregation. — Defendant in the sermon under the head of Erroneous consciences, stated that he knew of a case in point, but under present circumstances would omit it. — Witness did not apply this case to Capt. Reed.

(Approved)

An motion the trials was suspended until to-morrow morning, to attend to other business.

G. McGills had leave of absence for the evening.

Centre case

The Report of the Committee on the case of Centre Church was taken up, and the committee on that paper presented their report.

After some discussion, it was resolved to refer this report to a special committee, with instructions to investigate other matters relative to the subject of the report and that this committee report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery — This committee to consist of Rev. Messrs Rockwell and W. S. Shaw and Mr. R. I. McDowell.

Presby adjourned with prayer to meet to-morrow

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morning at 9 o'clock.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment constituted with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Centre case — The matter relative to Centre Church were again called up.— The committee appointed yesterday on that subject were instructed to use their best endeavours to arrest any further proceedings in relation to the building of a new house of worship in the bounds of Centre congregation, or any other proceedings that tend to the injury of that Church.

Mr Watts' Trial — The unfinished business was resumed.

Evidence in the case was read.

Presbytery had a recess of half an hour.

After recess Presbytery met.

The parties in the trial having severally announced that they were done offering testimony, it was.

Resolved, That the parties be now severally heard; the Prosecutor in support of his charges, and the Defendant in defence of himself against these charges.

Parties heard — Accordingly the Prosecutor and Defendant were heard to their satisfaction.

The Roll was then called that each member might have an opportunity of expressing his opinion of the case.

J. B. Knox was excused from voting.

Presbytery proceed to read the evidence on the several specifications, and to take the vote on them severally by calling the roll.

Vote on the Charges — Specification 1st was read and the evidence on it. The votes on this specification was then taken and stood for sustaining the charge 13. Against sustaining 9.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer until 9 o'clock

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Mr Watts' Trial — Vote of Presb. — to-morrow morning

Steel Creek, Thursday morning Dec.r 2 9 o'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment— Constituted with prayer.

The Rev. Messrs Rockwell, J. C. Morrison, J. M. Wilson and G. M. Gibbs, asked and obtained liberty to change their votes given yesterday evening on Specification 1st from "Sustain" to "Not Sustain"

The reading of the several Specifications and the evidence thereon, and the taking of the votes by calling the roll was continued and completed— When the vote on the whole stood as follows viz:

Specification 1st		Sustain	9.	Not Sustain	13.
do	2nd	"	2.	" "	16
do.	3rd	"	4.	" "	14
do.	4th	"	4-	" "	16
do.	5th	"	0	" "	21
do.	6th	"	1	" "	21
do.	7th	"	0	" "	21

The vote was then taken on the general charge and stood Sustain 0. Not Sustain 21.

Messrs Penick, Adams and King were appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the Final Judgment of the Presbytery in the case.

Presbytery had a recess of half an hour

After recess Presbytery met.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the Final Judgment of Presbytery in the case of Mr Watts, reported a paper which was accepted and unanimously adopted and is as follows viz:

After having given the whole case the most patient hearing and impartial investigation of which we were capable, Presbytery are deliberately and solemnly of opinion that whilst the Defendant transcended the bounds of propriety in several particulars, viz: In using the certificate of Mrs Thomason beyond what he was authorized to do— In saying

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to Capt. Reed that Gen. Neel had advised him to send a certain letter to its destination on the sabbath day:- and in speaking unguardedly on several occasions touching what part or parts of said letter he had read to Gen. Reed: nevertheless in view of all the testimony and collateral circumstances, the General charge is not sustained, that the veracity and integrity of the defendant, so far as the testimony indicates his motives and intentions, are unimpaired.

The Presbytery further give it as their deliberate & previous judgment, that the Prosecutor in the case, tho he has failed to sustain the general charge, is nevertheless to be regarded as having been shut up to the course which he has pursued in calling charges, and as having honestly sought the peace and purity of the church.

The Presbytery therefore adjudge that both parties have suffered all the penalty that is called for and does hereby most earnestly and affectionately advise and urge all the parties as far as possible to bury all past grudges, to cease all talk respecting these exciting matters and to cherish and encourage a spirit of fraternal confidence and affection.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Alex. A. Penick
J. M. H. Adams
W. King
} Committee

Acquiescence of Defendant Prosecutors notice of intended appeal

The Defendant expressed his acquiescence in the decision of Presbytery.

The Prosecutor gave notice that he would take the matter under consideration, and if he determined to appeal to Synod, he would give it in writing to the Moderator.

It was

Vote of thanks

Resolved that the thanks of Presbytery be and hereby are tendered to the people of Steel Creek, for their kindness and hospitality to our members during our protracted meeting.

Members retiring without leave.

It was

Resolved That we will call on those who have retired from the present meeting without leave of absence for their reasons for so doing.

Presbytery adjourned with prayer to meet at Rocky River church on Friday the 14th day of April 1848.

J. S. McCutchan St. Clerk

N.B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absences viz:

Rev. S. Williamson D.D.	W. H. Morrison
" J. LeRoy Davies	L. Murray
" W. A. Hall	J. C. McPherson

N.B. The following members retired without leave of absence viz: Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, Rev. H. B. Cunningham

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Friday April 14th 1848.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock A. M. and was opened with a Sermon by the Revd Cyrus Johnston, the Moderator, from Matt. V. 13. "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost "his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thence- "forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be "trodden under foot of men."

Constituted with prayer. — Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revd W. L. Sharr	
" R. H. Morrison D.D.	Messrs R. S. McDowell
" S. Williamson D.D.	
" S. Prentiss	John McCulloch.
" C. Johnston.	Alexander Graham.
" H. L. Sharr.	Thos L. Boyd.
" D. A. Penick.	Andrew Davis
" Wm. A. Hall.	S. Marlin.
" A. L. Watts	J. H. McDowell.
" J. M. H. Adams.	J. Bridges.
" J. E. Morrison.	J. F. White.
" J. D. Hall.	
" J. M. Wilson.	
" L. Murray.	
" H. B. Cunningham.	
" E. F. Rockwell.	
" J. E. McPherson.	
" W. M. Sharr.	Robt Caldwell.
" G. M. Gibbs.	
" R. H. Lafferty.	J. F. McNeely.
	Silas M. Bailey.
	J. F. McCorkle.
	Wm Emerson.
	Caleb Erwin.

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Ministers

Ruling Elders. —
Messrs. Matthew McBell.
Charley Brown.
D. L. Davis.
A. L. Ezzell.
A. Kilpatrick.

Election of Officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, when the Rev. R. H. Lafferty was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs J. M. H. Adams and W. M. Shaw Temp. Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of One hour.

After recess.

Minutes of the last regular meeting read.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and also of the subsequent adjourned meeting at Steel creek were read and corrected.

Excuses of absentees offered.

The following absentees from the last regular meeting, being called on, gave excuses which were sustained, viz: Rev. Messrs S. Prentiss, J. D. Hall, J. W. Freeman, and W. B. Cunningham.

The following absentees from the meeting at Steel creek offered excuses which were sustained which were sustained, viz: Rev. Messrs. J. W. Williamson, D. D. Wm. A. Hall, Wm. N. Morrison, S. Murray, and J. E. McPherson.

Excuse of Rev. W. B. Cunningham not sustained.

The following members who withdrew from the meeting of Presbytery at Steel creek without leave of absence, offered their reasons for so doing viz: Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and the Rev. W. B. Cunningham. The excuse of the former was sustained, and that of the latter was not sustained.

Rev. W. N. Morrison appears in Pres.

The Rev. Wm. N. Morrison appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat. He also offered his excuse for absence from the last meeting at Steel Creek, which was sustained.

Papers were then called for.

An extract from the minutes of Fayetteville Presbytery was laid before Presbytery containing a dismission of Rev. Archibald Baker from said Presbytery, to be connected with the Presbytery of Concord. — Whereupon Presbytery

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Rev. A. Baker received as a member.

proceeded to the examination of Rev. A. Baker with a view to his being received as a member of this body. — This examination being satisfactory he was, on motion, admitted as a regular member of this Presbytery.

Rev. Thos. E. Davis received as a member.

An extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Holston was laid before Presbytery containing a dismission of the Rev. Thos. E. Davies from the said Presbytery, to be connected with the Presbytery of Concord. — Whereupon Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Rev. Thos. E. Davis, which being satisfactory, he was, on motion, received as a member of this Presbytery.

Letter from Rev. J. S. McCutchen

A letter from the Rev. J. S. McCutchen was read, containing reasons for absence from the present meeting, which were deemed as sufficient and were sustained. —

Organization of Bethesda church.

The committee, that was appointed for the purpose of organizing a church on the Georgia Road in Iredell Co. to be called Bethesda church, reported that as directed, they attended to the duty assigned them, and organized the church of Bethesda, according to the form prescribed by our General Assembly, consisting of 16 members. — Two Ruling Elders were ordained, viz: Messrs George Robinson, and John M. Patterson. — This report was, on motion, received, and adopted: and the St clerk was directed to place the name of Bethesda church on the list of our Churches. —

Mr. James Knox dismissed to the care of Cherokee Presbytery.

Application was made, on behalf of Mr. James Knox, a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, for a dismission from this body, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee. Whereupon, Resolved: That his request be granted; and Mr. Knox is hereby dismissed from the care of this Presbytery, and cordially recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee as a probationer for the holy ministry. —

Rev. J. S. McCutchen resigned the office of St. Clerk.

The Rev. J. S. McCutchen sent to Presbytery his resignation of the office of St clerk, which (in consideration of his feeble health) was accepted, and the cordial thanks of Presbytery were tendered to him, for the

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fidelity with which he has served them in that capacity.

Call from the congn. of Salisbury.

A call from the congregation of Salisbury for the Pastoral services of the Rev. A. Baker being read before Presbytery, and being found in order, was placed in his hands.—

Account of St. Clerk referred to Com.

The account of the Stated Clerk with Presbytery was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. Cyrus Johnston, and Mr. Charles Brown.—

Call from the congn. of Back creek and Bethesda.

A call for the Pastoral services of the Rev. Thos. E. Davis from the congregations of Back Creek, and Bethesda was read before Presbytery, and being found in order, was placed in his hands.—

Letter from Mr. R. E. Sherrill.

A letter was received from one of our Licentiates, Mr. R. E. Sherrill, giving a satisfactory account of himself to Presbytery. This letter was handed over to the committee of Domestic Mission, with instructions to present to the mind of Mr. Sherrill the importance of Asheville, as a field of labour.—

Calls from Providence and Sharon on the table.

Calls from the congregations of Providence and Sharon, for the ministerial services of Mr. Samuel C. Pharr being read, were laid on the table until to-morrow morning.—

Steps from Steel creek referred to a committee.

Certain papers referring to the state of things in Steel Creek congregation were received, read, and committed to a committee consisting of Revd. Messrs. L. Murray, J. E. Morrison, and Mr. R. L. McDowell, to report as soon as practicable.—

It was made the order of the day to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. to hear the Doctrinal Sermon.

Order of the day for Monday at 11 o'clock A. M. to hear the Sermon on Popery.—

Order of the day for the free conversation.

Order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. for the free conversation on the state of religion in the several congregations.—

The following Committees were then announced by the Moderator, viz:

Committee on supplies—Revd. Messrs. J. M. Wilson

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L. Frontis, and Mr. R. L. McDowell.—

Committees on Sessional Records.

On the minutes of Synod—Revd. C. Johnston, and Mr. Thos. L. Boyd.—

The following Committees were appointed on Sessional Records, viz:

Mallard Creek, Ramah, and Bethel: Revd. Wm. A. Hall and Mr. Matthew McCall—

On Providence, Sharon, and Fourth Creek—Revd. J. M. Wilson, and D. Kilpatrick.—

On Unity, (Lincoln) College church, and Burnsville—Revd. C. Johnston, and Mr. T. L. Boyd.—

On Thyatira, Franklin, Salisbury, Charlotte, and Asheville—Revd. W. L. Pharr, and Mr. R. L. McDowell.—

On Concord, Smyrna, Salem, and Whitesboro—Revd. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Mr. Andrew Davis.—

On Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Siloam, Prusilla, and Marion—Revd. L. Murray, and Mr. A. J. Ezzell.—

On Rocky River, and Lebanon—Revd. Wm. A. Hall, and Mr. J. McCulloch.—

On Hopewell, Paw Creek, Ebenezer, and Hiwassee—Revd. W. W. Pharr, and Mr. Charles Brown.—

On Centre, and Prospect—Revd. J. F. W. Freeman, and Mr. John F. McNeely.—

On Joppa, Unity, (Rowan) Bethany, Tabor, Steel creek, and Pleasant Hill—Revd. L. Williamson, D. D. and Mr. L. Marlin.—

On Third creek, Duncans Creek, and New Union—Revd. J. D. Hall, and Mr. J. P. White.—

On Concord Town, Little Britain, Rutherfordton, Goshen, New Hope, and Back Creek—Revd. G. M. Gibbs, and Mr. J. Wrider.—

On Morganton, Swannanoa, Rheims' Creek, Philadelphia, Olney, and Union—Revd. J. E. McPherson, and Mr. D. A. Davis.—

On Sugar Creek, Lincolnton, and Long creek. Revd. A. B. Cunningham, and Mr. J. H. McDowell.—

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to morrow morning at 9 oclock. Closed with prayer.—

Saturday Morning 9 oclock:
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Minutes read and corrected. Rev. J. W. Freeman appeared in Pres.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened by prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, and corrected.

The Rev. J. F. W. Freeman appearing in Presbytery rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.—

Sessions called on to show their records were not in Presbytery

The Sessions that failed in sending up their records at the last Spring meeting of Presbytery were now called on for their excuses for ~~their~~ their several failures. After having made some progress in this work, the whole matter was, on motion, indefinitely postponed.

Report on the St. Clerk's account.

The committee on the account of the Stated clerk reported. Their report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee, to whom was referred the Bill of incidental expenses by the St. Clerk, have examined the same, and recommend that it be accepted; and further recommend that our Treasurer be directed to pay over to the Rev. J. S. McCutchen the sum of $5.15 cts, together with the sum of $20.00; making in all $25.15 cts.

All Submitted by Cyrus Johnston } Com.
Charles Brown }

Com. on the Narrative.

Rev. Messrs H. B. Cunningham and A. Baker were appointed a committee to prepare, to the General Assembly, a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds.—

Free conversation.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day for 10 oclock A. M. viz; Free conversation on the state of religion in the several congregations:

Doctrinal sermon preached.

After which, on motion, Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day for 11 oclock A. M. viz: To hear the doctrinal sermon, which was preached by the Rev. Albertus Leander Watts from James II. 18. "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast "faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works,

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"and I will show thee my faith by my works."

Presbytery then took a recess of forty five minutes.—

After recess.—

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Messrs A. L. Watts, G. M. Gibbs, and Messrs D. A. Davis, J. H. McDowell, Wm Emerson, A. Graham, A. J. Ezell, J. P. McCorkle, and David Kilpatrick, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening.—

Report of Com. on papers from Steel creek.

The committee, on the papers referring to the state of things in Steel Creek church, reported. Their report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"That after due deliberation they are of opinion, that the state of said church is such, that it is not expedient for Presbytery to take any action in the case as it now comes before them."

L. Murray }
J. E. Morrison } Com.
R. I. McDowell }

Calls from Providence and Sharon.

The Calls from the Congregations of Providence and Sharon for the pastoral services of Mr. S. C. Thom were, on motion, placed in his hands.

It was made the order of the day for 10 oclock on Monday morning, to hear the reports of the representatives of the several churches, with reference to the fulfilment of their obligations to their Pastors.

Resolution rescinded

The Resolution, passed at the last regular session of Presbytery held in the town of Marion, to pay the Stated Clerk of Presbytery $20.00 annually, (see page 96) was, on motion, rescinded.—

The Rev. S. Frontis was chosen Stated Clerk of Presbytery.—

Rev. J. M. H. Adams to preach the next Doctrinal sermon.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams was appointed to preach the Doctrinal sermon at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, and Rev. J. E. Morrison was appointed his alternate. Subject for the sermon, "Perseverance of the Saints." Chapter XVII. Confession of Faith.

Presbytery resolved that hereafter the

Time of preach. in doctrinal sermon.

Doctrinal sermon shall be preached during the fall sessions of Presbytery, and the Sermon on Popery during the Spring sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place on Monday morning next at 9 o'clock.— Closed with prayer.—

Monday Morning April 17th 1848.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer. The roll was called. Members present as on Saturday, except those who obtained leave of absence.

Minutes read.

The minutes of Saturday were read, and corrected.

Judicial Com.

A judicial committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. Messrs. L. Murray, Thos. E. Davis, and Mr. R. Caldwell.— A paper, having reference to difficulties in the church of Bethany, was placed in the hands of this committee.

Reference from Fourth creek church.

A reference from the Session of Fourth Creek Church, being read, was also put into the hands of this committee.—

Election of St. clerk.

Rev. S. Frontis having declined the office of St. Clerk, Presbytery proceeded to the election of another person to fill said office: Whereupon Rev. R. H. Lafferty was chosen Stated Clerk of Presbytery.—

The order of the day for 10 o'clock A.M. viz: reports of representatives of the congregations, was postponed until 2 o'clock P.M.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. J. E. McPherson, and Mr. Matthew McCall obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.—

The time and place of the next regular meeting of the Presbytery was taken up. This was postponed for the present, the hour for the order of the day having arrived, viz: the Sermon on Popery.— This Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. Johnston from Is. VIII. 20. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because "there is no light in them". After the preaching of this Sermon, Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

Popery Sermon preached.

After recess—

It was moved that a committee be appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College. The Rev. W. S. Shaw and Rev. J. E. Morrison were appointed on this committee.

Arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. S. C. Shaw.

Mr. Samuel C. Shaw having signified his acceptance of the calls placed in his hands by order of Presbytery, the Presbytery proceeded to make arrangements for his ordination and installation, should the way be clear. Matt. XX. 23 ("But to sit on my right hand, and on my left, "is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for "whom it is prepared of my Father") was assigned as the subject for his trial sermon.— Presbytery resolved to hold an adjourned meeting in the church of Sharon, on Friday May 19th 1848 at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of attending to the ordination and installation of Mr. S. C. Shaw, provided the way be clear.— Rev. W. S. Shaw was appointed to preside and give the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. D. A. Penick his alternate; the Rev. R. H. Lafferty was appointed to give the charge to the people, and the Rev. A. L. Watts his alternate; the Rev. W. W. Shaw was appointed to preach the sermon, and the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman his alternate.— And it was ordered that an invitation be extended to the church and congregation of Providence to be present and unite in the service.—

Report of com. on the reference from Fourth creek Church.

The judicial committee reported on the reference from the Session of Fourth Creek Church, which report was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee to whom was referred the overture from Fourth creek Church respectfully recommend that the 1st question of said overture, viz: Has a church session the power to depose one of their number? be answered in the affirmative.

Your committee are of opinion that the second question, viz: "Can they restore him to his office without a new election by the congregation? should be answered in the negative.

We do not think the 3d question, viz: Would it be

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expedient? needs any answer from Presbytery; because that must be determined by the voice of the Congregation.

L. Murray
Thos E. Davis } Committee.
Robt Caldwell

Time and place of the next regular meeting.

The time and place of the next regular meeting of Presbytery was then called up; Whereupon it was resolved that we meet in Morganton, Burke Co N.C. on Thursday the 7th day of Sept 1848 at 7½ o'clock P.M.—

Reports of delegates.

The order of the day for 2 o'clock P.M was then taken up, viz: to hear reports from the delegates of churches as to the manner in which they have fulfilled their obligations to their Pastors.—

Reports of Ministers.

After these reports, the Ministers were required to report as to their fidelity in discharging their duties to their several charges.—

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. Caleb Erwin, J. L. White, and Thos S. Boyd obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to day.—

Election of Trustees for D. College.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported. Their report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz; That Revd. Messrs. D. A. Penick, C. Johnston, E. F. Rockwell, A. Baker, and Messrs. J. M. Osborne, W. L. Harris, Dr C. L. Hunter, W. F. Harris, Dr E. H. Gibson, serve, as Trustees, for the next Four years, and that Mr J. H. Wilson serve instead of Mr. Thos Robinson (Removed)— And it was resolved that the St. Clerk be required to forward a copy of this minute to the President of Davidson College.—

Com. on Centre difficulties report.

The Committee, that was appointed (see page 163) to consider the difficulties in Centre Church, offered their report, which was accepted, and made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—

Rev. J. W. Freeman retains the call from Phila.

The Revd J. W. Freeman had leave to retain, until the next regular meeting of Presbytery, the call put into his hands from the congregation of Philadelphia.—

Presbytery adjourned until to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.— Closed with prayer.—

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Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.

Minutes read.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday, except those who obtained leave of absence. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.—

Report of Com. on the difficulties in Bethany Ch.

The Judicial Committee reported with reference to a paper placed in their hands from Bethany church. Their report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

"The committee, in whose hands a paper from Bethany church, touching certain difficulties that exist there, was placed, report that they find that document too informal and indefinite to admit of any action in that case by this judicatory.

L. Murry
Thos E. Davis } Com.
Robt Caldwell

Installation of Rev A. Baker in the Ch. of Salisbury.

The Rev. A. Baker having signified his acceptance of the call from the congregation of Salisbury, the following persons were appointed a committee to attend to his installation, viz: Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. to preach the sermon, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham his alternate; Rev. D. A. Penick to deliver the charge to the Pastor; and Rev. E. F. Rockwell to deliver the charge to the people.—

Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

The appointment of Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly to meet Thursday the 18th day of May next was taken up: Whereupon Rev. R. H. Lafferty and Dr C. W. Harris were appointed principals, and Rev. D. A. Penick and Mr J. F. McCorkle were appointed alternates.—

Centre difficulties. Report committee.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock A.M. viz: the difficulties in the church of Centre, was then, on motion, taken up, and after considerable discussion, the report was committed to a committee consisting of Revd Messrs A. Frontis, J. M. Wilson, and R. H. Morrison D.D.—

Proposed addition to the Form of Gov.

The addition proposed, by the last General Assembly, to be made to the 15th Chapter of our Form of Government (See minutes of the General Assembly page 399) viz; the Dismission of the

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Ministerial.

Dismission Question.

Pastoral Office being taken up: On motion, It was unanimously Resolved: That a negative answer be given, by this Presbytery, to said reference.—

Installation of Revd E. Davies & Pastor of Back creek and Bethesda.

The Revd Thos E Davis having signified his acceptance of the call from the congregations of Back Creek and Bethesda, Presbytery proceeded to make arrangements for his installation. The installation at Back creek to take place on the Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in May next. The Revd A. Baker was appointed to preach the sermon, and Revd W. L. Wall to preside, and give the charges to the Pastor, and to the people.—

The installation at Bethesda church to take place on Saturday the 22d day of April next. The Revd E. F. Rockwell was appointed to preach the sermon, and the Revd W. N. Sharp to preside, and give the charges to the Pastor, and to the people.—

The former St clerk was required by Presbytery to transfer all papers in his hands, pertaining to Presbytery, to Revd R. H. Lafferty, the present Stated Clerk.—

Presb becoming auxiliary to Gen. Assembly's Board D.M. opposed.

The matter of becoming auxiliary to the Gen. Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions, being brought before Presbytery. On motion, it was Resolved—That this whole matter be referred to the executive Committee of Domestic Missions, to report thereon at the next stated sessions of Presbytery.—

Narrative to Gen. Assembly.

The Committee, on the narrative of the state of religion within our bounds submitted their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly by the St clerk, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Concord, in presenting its annual report to the General Assembly, beg leave to say, that from the statements received from the Pastors, and representatives of the different Churches, we learn that the ordinances of the sanctuary have been generally well attended, and the attention of the people has been commendable and such as to afford encouragement to hope, that the means of grace which they have enjoyed will not be like water poured upon the ground.—

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In most of our Churches, Bible Classes and Sabbath schools have been instituted and kept up during most of the year; in some of which there has been more than usual interest manifested.— Attention has also been given to the Catechetical instruction of our people in the doctrines of our church.— The coloured people within our bounds have received rather more attention than formerly.—

In some of our churches there has been an interesting state of feeling, and a manifest presence of the Holy Spirit.— These influences have been in some cases descending for some time in gentle effusions like the dews of Hermon, thus giving reason to hope, that the time is not distant, when these influences shall descend in showers rich, copious, and refreshing as the early and latter rain, by which our Churches may be revived as the corn and grow as the vine, while their fruit shall rustle like Lebanon.—

In view of these things, while we acknowledge our sinfulness and lukewarmness in his service, we feel that we have abundant cause of gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, for his past mercies, and are encouraged to wait upon him in the exercise of faith and hope, until the set time to favour Zion shall come.—

H. B. Cunningham } Com.
A. Baker }

The several Committees on Sessional Records offered their reports, which were accepted and adopted.—

Session of Back Creek censured.

The Session of the church of Back Creek was censured by Presbytery for failing to have their Records at the present meeting for the inspection of the Presbytery.

The proposition to petition the Legislature to alter the charter of Davidson College was indefinitely postponed.

Proposed alteration of the constitution.

The proposed alterations in the constitution of Davidson College (See page 95.) was laid over until the next stated sessions of Presbytery.—

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Com. on the instruction of col'd popula tion.

The committee appointed, at the last regular meeting of Presbytery, to bring in a report on the subject of the instruction of the coloured population failing to report, were, on motion, discharged.—

Report of the Com. on the difficulties of Centre.

The Committee, to which was committed the report of the committee on the difficulties in the church of Centre, (see page 162) offered their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee, to which the report of the committee touching the state and prospects of Centre Church was referred, beg leave to submit the following as their report

After a careful examination of the report submitted to them, the committee are constrained to believe

1st That Centre church is at the present time in an exceedingly precarious situation; to say the least, in imminent danger of being speedily and seriously injured, unless something can be done to arrest the present course of things.—

2d That the present threatening state of things in Centre church has been brought about, if not wholly, in a great measure, by the strange conduct of their late Pastor, the Revd J. Le Roy Davies; which conduct the committee feel solemnly, though painfully constrained to regard as, not only evincing a criminal want of regard for veracity, but as clearly manifesting a spirit of insubordination and schism.—

The committee are decidedly of opinion that Brother Davies has laid himself liable to each of the above charges, in his attempting, after the vote of the congregation for the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between himself and said church, to transfer members of Centre to Prospect church, to maintain regular preaching and to form a branch of Prospect church within the reputed bounds of Centre without the consent of the session of Centre, or of the Presbytery, and in his reporting to the Presbytery at Marion some 61 members as received into Prospect by certificate, who seem to be members of Centre, a large number of whom the Session of Centre have never dismissed, and who have neither requested nor authorized their names to be thus transferred.—

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The Committee, therefore, feel it to be imperiously their duty to recommend to the Presbytery the following resolutions for adoption, viz:

Resolution 1st That all the members of Centre church that have been reported to this Presbytery, or read out in Prospect church, as received into Prospect by certificate without a regular vote of the session of Centre dismissing them at their own request, are still members of Centre church, and they are hereby advised to retain their present ecclesiastical relation, and the session of Centre is hereby directed to regard and report them accordingly.—

Charges and Specifications tabled against Revd J. Le Roy Davies.

Resolution 2d That charges and specifications be forthwith tabled against the Revd J. Le Roy Davies as follows, viz:

Whereas Common Fame charges the Revd J. Le Roy Davies with conduct not only unbecoming in a christian, but highly derogatory to the character of a christian Minister, and seriously reproachful to religion, in the following particulars, viz:

Specification 1st Insubordination to the Presbytery in his continuing to preach, and encouraging the building up of a branch of Prospect church within the reputed bounds of Centre, without the consent either of the Presbytery, or of the session of Centre, almost immediately after the dissolution of the Pastoral relation by the Presbytery, and very shortly after his confessions of sin, Professions of penitence, and Promises of subordination and circumspect deportment made to the Presbytery at the close of his recent trial.— Witnesses:— The Records of Presbytery, Members of the session of Centre church, James Smyth Byers, Rufus Ramsey, Hiram Templeton, Lawson Torrence, Wm Emerson, and Joel Huggins, Revd Messrs. D. A. Penick, Cyrus Johnston, W. S. Shaw, H. N. Shaw, and J. E. Morrison.—

Specification 2d— False representations, and fraudulent measures in his procuring the transfer of

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members from Centre to Prospect, in his reporting to the Presbytery at Marion some 61 members, as received into Prospect on certificate, some of whom had neither applied for a dismission, nor authorized such application, and in his reporting to the Church of Prospect some 61 additions on certificate, the most if not all of whom were from the Church of Centre, of whom he had not authority from the Session of Centre to grant more than two or three certificates of dismission.— Witnesses: Witnesses as above, Wm C. Johnston, John S. Torrance, Capt. Neil Brawley, Mrs Catharine Douglas, Wm C. Moore, Wm R. McNeily, Widow Mary McNeily, John Thompson, Wm C. McKee, Sandy McKinley, Widow Tabitha Henry, Jane Henry, and Widow Brawley.— Therefore

Resolved— That the said Revd J. LeRoy Davies be cited to appear before this Presbytery on Tuesday the 6th day of June next at 10 o'clock A.M. at the church of Centre in the County of Iredell N.C. and answer to the above charges and specifications.—

On motion, it was

A.M. recess meeting of Presbytery in Centre. St clerk directed to cite Mr Davis and all the witnesses.

Resolved: That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at the church of Centre on the 1st Tuesday of June next at 1 o'clock A.M.— That the Stated clerk be directed to furnish the Revd J. LeRoy Davies with a copy of the above charges, and cite him to attend at said time and place to answer to the above charges; that he be directed to cite the witnesses above named; and any witnesses the said Revd J. LeRoy Davies may desire.—

Com. of prosecution

The following persons were appointed a committee to prepare the papers and attend to the prosecution of the above charges before Presbytery, viz: Revd Messrs J. M. Wilson, E. F. Rockwell, and Mr R. L. McDowell.—

St clerk to deposit the Records with Revd W. W. Thos

The Stated Clerk was directed to deposit the Records of Presbytery, and all the papers pertaining to this case, in the hands of the Revd W. W. Thos, who is hereby authorized to perform all the duties of Stated Clerk, during the absence of the St. Clerk in attending the meeting of the General Assembly.—

The Committee on supplies made their report, which was received, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

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Supplies.

The Committee on supplies and Missionary labour beg leave to offer the following report—

1st That the Revd W. W. Thos and W. W. Thos spend each Two Sabbaths in the Counties of Wilkes and Caldwell.

2d Revd Messrs E. F. Rockwell, J. S. McCutchen, and Thos E. Davis spend one Sabbath in Surry, and one Sabbath at New Union.—

3d Revd Messrs S. Frontis, and A. Baker spend Two Sabbaths in Stanley, ~~and Montgomery~~.—

4th Revd Messrs J. F. W. Freeman, and Watts, spend Two Sabbaths in Anson, and Union.—

5th Revd Messrs S. Murray, and J. Hall Two Sabbaths in Cleaveland and Rutherford.—

6th Revd Messrs Wm A. Hall, and J. E. Morrison, Two Sabbaths in Haywood, and Macon, Cherokee.—

7th Revd Messrs H. B. Cunningham, and R. E. Sherrill, Two Sabbaths in Henderson.—

8th Revd Messrs T. A. Semick, and A. Williamson DD, and G. M. Gibbs, Two Sabbaths in McDowell, and Yancey.—

9th Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison DD, and C. Johnston, Two Sabbaths in Buncombe.—

Revd Messrs H. A. Thos, and E. F. Rockwell, administer the Lords supper at Smyrna.—

Revd Messrs W. W. Thos, and A. Williamson DD, administer the Lords Supper at Centre.—

Revd Messrs S. B. O. Wilson and H. B. Cunningham, administer the Lords supper at Bethel.—

Revd Messrs Wm A. Hall, and J. M. W. Adams, administer the Lords supper at Tabor.—

Revd Messrs E. F. Rockwell and A. Baker, administer the Lords Supper at Bethany.—

Revd Messrs J. J. Hall, and J. F. W. Freeman, administer the Lords Supper at Olney.—

The following members were appointed to preach in the Church of Sugar Creek during the absence of her Pastor as a Commissioner to the next General Assembly, viz: Revd C. Johnston the second Sabbath of May, Revd W. W. Thos the 4th Sabbath of May, Revd J. F. W. Freeman the 1st Sabbath of

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June: and Rev. A. A. Pinch the 2d Sabbath of June.—

On motion

Vote of thanks. Resolved: That Presbytery tender their most cordial and hearty thanks to the members of this Congregation for their hospitality and kindness to us during our present sessions, and that the Pastor of the Congregation be directed to read this resolution publickly to the congregation.

The minutes of this day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Sharon Church on the 3d Friday of May at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

Absent Members. N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz Revd Messrs. S. B. C. Wilson, and J. Le Roy Davies.

Absent from the meeting at Marion without rendering an excuse, Revd S. B. C. Wilson.

Retired from the meeting at Steel Creek without leave of absence, or assigning a reason for so doing, Revd S. B. C. Wilson.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly, for the year closing with April 18th 1848.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of Twenty Nine Ministers, and have under their care Fifty Six Churches, Five Licentiates, and Two Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office Address.	Communicants.				Baptized.									
			Added on Cert.	Added on Prof.	Colld. from Com.	Total Com.	Adults.	Infants.	Com. Miss.	For. Miss.	Education.	Publication.	Sunds. from Sess.	Com. Fund.	Cont. Fund.	Miscell.
															Cents	
Rev. Walter L. Pharr, S.	Mallard Creek, S. Ramah, S.S.	Mill Grove, N.C.				260	2	14	$ 21.	$ 25.	$ 5.			$ 6.	,50	
" R. H. Morrison, D.D. S.S.	Unity (Lincoln) S.S.	College Home N.C.		7	1	2	60			35.	35.			5.	,50	$ 65.
" L. Williamson, D.D. Pres. S.	College Church, S.	Davidson College, N.C.			1	3	18		1	10.	23.	31.		5.	,50	50.
" Stephen Frontis, S.S.	Thyatira and Franklin, S.S.	Salisbury, N.C.		8	3	50	215	1	10	7.	2.	2.		6.	,50	
" Cyrus J. Johnston, S.	Charlotte, S.	Charlotte N.C.		6	2	3	56		12	56.	28.			4.	,50	88.
" W. F. Pharr, S.	Concord, S. Salem & Smyrna S.S.	Statesville N.C.		26		15	266	6	16	20.	16.			5.	,50	
" D. A. Penick, S.	Rocky River, S.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.		11	4	127	478			31.	78.	8.		7.50	,50	
" J. McKay Davis, S.	Prospect, S.	Cool Well, N.C.												3.		
" Wm. A. Hall, S.	Joppa & Unity (Rowan) S.	Mocksville, N.C.		15	4	42	184	14	7	34.	17.			4.50	,50	
" A. L. Wallis, S.	Steel creek & Pleasant Hill, S.	White Hall, N.C.		5	2		224		3	30.	14.			7.50	,50	
" L. Lindley, P.M.	Asheville & Wilkesboro, P.	Fort Natal, S. Africa.														
" J. S. McLatchan, S.	Pethany & Tabor, S.	Pethany Church N.C.					150							2.00		
" T. S. Johnston, P.M.	Little Britain & Rutherfordton, S.S.	Smyrna, Asia Minor.					150									
" J. H. H. Adams, S.	Third Creek, S.	Evansville, N.C.		13	1	71	171	3	8	24.	24.			4.	,50	
" J. E. Morrison, S.	Concord Town, S.	Concord, N.C.					87							2.50	,50	
" J. L. Hall, S.S.	Goshen & New Hope, S.S.	Wood Town, N.C.					140							3.		
" S. B. O. Wilson, Prof.	Duncans Creek, P. New Union, P.	Davidson College, N.C.					36									
" J. M. Wilson, S.	Morganton, S.	Morganton, N.C.					80							5.	,50	
" Wm. N. Morrison, S.S.	Bethany Creek & Swannanoa, S.S.	Swannanoa N.C.					66									
" J. W. Wauman, S.S.	Philadelphia & Union, S.S.	Charlotte, N.C.					150							4.		
" Samuel Murray, S.S.	Lincolnton & Long Creek, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.		4			50			6.				4.50		10.
" H. R. Cunningham, S.	Hopewell & Paw Creek, S.	Alexandriana, N.C.		15	4	43	320	3	16	31.	1.			5.	,50	
" E. F. Rockwell, S.	Fourth Creek, S.	Statesville, N.C.		19	2	7	94		10	30.	19.			4.	,50	
" J. E. McPherson, S.S.	Ebenezer & Pisgah, S.S.	Franklin, N.C.		4	2		72	3	4		6.				,50	
" W. W. Pharr, S.	Poplar Tent & Bethphage, S.	Concord, N.C.		23		5	300		15	32.	50.	3.		7.	,50	5.
" G. M. Gibbs, S.S.	Drusilla, Siloam & Marion, S.S.	Marion N.C.					47							3.	,50	
" R. H. Lafferty, S.	Sugar Creek, S.	Charlotte, N.C.		10	4	41	211	3	9	52.	54.				,50	12.
" A. Baker, S. elect.	Salisbury, S.	Salisbury, N.C.		6		20	105	2	3	72	60				,50	
" Thos E. Davis, S. elect. — 29.	Back Creek & Bethesda S.	Mount Ulla, N.C.		7	4	29	113	1	5	10	3			4.		
Licentiates — 5.	Centre & Bethel, P.													3.		
C. P. McNeely.	Lebanon Olney & Burnsville, P.															
S. C. Pharr.	Providence & Sharon, S.S.													7.		
R. E. Shemwell.	56.															
J. C. Crawford.																
W. Davis.																
Candidates — 2.																
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Statistical report to the Gen. Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord would further report, that on the 1st day of June 1847 they received under their care Mr. W. S. Savage, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the 14th day of July 1847 they dismissed the Rev. J. H. Wallace to connect himself with the Presbytery of Harmony; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. DeRoy Davis and the church of Centre; that on the 23d day of Aug 1847 they received under their care Mr. Jos. Knox a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Louisville; that they have organized one New church by name Bethesda; that on the 14th day of April 1848 they received from the Presbytery of Fayetteville the Rev. Archibald Baker; that on the same day they received from the Presbytery of Holston the Rev. Thos. E. Davis; and that on the same day they dismissed Mr. James Knox a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed R. H. Lafferty St. Clerk.

Sharon Church, Mecklenburg Co. N. C.

Friday May 19th 1848.

The following members of Presbytery met according to the adjournment of Presbytery, at 11 o'clock A. M. viz: Rev. Messrs. W. W. Thorn, R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. Charles Brown, Elder. A quorum not being present, they adjourned to meet at the house of Dr. Joseph W. Ross this evening, at 5 o'clock.

House of Dr. Joseph W. Ross. 5 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman. Present: Rev. Messrs. J. F. W. Freeman, W. W. Thorn, R. H. Lafferty, and Elder, Mr. Charles Brown.

The Rev. W. S. Thorn being absent, the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman was appointed to preside.

Examination of Mr. S. C. Thorn for ordination.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Samuel C. Thorn, the candidate for Ordination, according to the directions laid down in our "Form of Government."

After having gone through with with the examination (except the sermon) according to our Book: It was, on motion, Resolved. That the examination be sustained as entirely satisfactory to Presbytery.

The following committee was appointed to examine the trial sermon of the candidate for ordination viz: Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. Charles Brown.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church of Sharon to morrow morning at 12 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Sharon Church. Saturday Morning May 20th 1848. 9½ o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The committee appointed to examine the trial sermon of Mr. S. C. Thorn offered their report which was accep-

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ted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz; The committee appointed to examine the sermon of Mr S C Thorn preparatory to ordination by leave to report. That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that it be received as a satisfactory part of trial.

Examination sustained

On motion, it was resolved, That all the parts of trial of Mr S C Thorn be sustained, and that Presbytery is now prepared to proceed to his ordination, and that the order of the day for 10 o'clock A.M. be to hear the ordination sermon, immediately after which the ordination shall take place. Presbytery took a recess until 10 o'clock A.M.

10 o'clock A.M.—

Ordination sermon.

Presbytery met. Rev W W Thorn preached the ordination sermon from I Cor IX. 16 "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing "to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach "not the gospel."

Rev W L Thorn who had been detained by sickness, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Ordination of Mr S C Thorn

Rev W L Thorn, according to the directions given in our Form of Government stated to the congregations the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to this transaction, and pointed out the nature and importance of ordination. He then proposed the questions to the candidate, and also to the congregations; which being answered in the affirmative Samuel C Thorn was by prayer, and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel Ministry and installed Pastor of the congregations of Providence and Sharon, after which the Moderator gave a solemn charge to the newly ordained Bishop; and the Rev R H Lafferty gave the charge to the people.

Installed pastor of Providence and Sharon churches.

After prayer and singing, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Centre Iredell Co N C on Tuesday the 6th day of June next at 10 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.—

R H Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev Messrs R H Morrison, D L S Williamson, D S Frontis, C Johnston, W L Thorn, D A Penick, J de Roy Davies, Wm A Hall, A L Watts, D Lindley, J S McCutchan, D J Johnston, J M H Adams, J E Morrison, J A Hall, S B C Wilson, J M Wilson, Wm V Morrison, L Murray, H B Cunningham, E F Rockwell, J E McPherson, J M Gibbs, A Baker, and J E Davies.

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Tuesday June 6th 1848.
10 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev R H Lafferty.

The following members were present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev W L Thorn	Messrs Wm McGinnis
" R H Morrison D D	
" Cyrus Johnston	J S Hutchison
" W W Thorn	David Kilpatrick
" J de Roy Davies	John M Sowrance
" W A Hall	John McCulloch
" J M H Adams	A B Sutton
" J A Hall	
" John M Wilson	
" S B C Wilson	
" H B Cunningham	R L Alexander
" E F Rockwell	
" W W Thorn	David Johnston
" G M Gibbs	
" R H Lafferty	John Howie
" A Baker	
" Samuel Caldwell Thorn	Charley Brown
	Joel Huggins
	David Coleman
	Alex McKinley.—

The Rev Mr Ingold of the German Reformed Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The minutes of the previous sessions relating to the case of the Rev J de Roy Davies were then read. Do & 91.92.93. 147

166 The parties, viz; the prosecuting Committee of Presbytery, and the Rev J de Roy Davies were called on to answer whether they were ready for trial. After considerable delay, without receiving a direct answer from either party, Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.—

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Rev. J. De Ry Davies trial. Parties declared that they were ready to trial

After recess. Presbytery met.

The parties declared their readiness to proceed with the case in hand, viz: the trial of Revd J. De Ry Davies, with the following condition, viz: that the parties have leave to reject citations for any witnesses not present; and further that in case any witness be unable to be present, either party have liberty to take said testimony by commission.—

The Revd A. Baker was appointed to prepare said citations. It was ordered that witnesses be cited to appear before Presbytery to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Moderator then solemnly announced from the chair, that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and he enjoined on the members of Presbytery to recollect and regard their character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.—

Charges read

The Charges were then read to the Revd J. De Ry Davies, and he was asked by the Moderator, Guilty or not guilty? To which the accused answered, that he was not guilty of the general charge, and that the specifications were not only false, but slanderous, which he hoped to be able to prove to the satisfaction of Presbytery.

Spec. 1st

Presbytery proceeded to the trial by taking up the first Specification, which was read, and is as follows viz; Insubordination to the Presbytery in his continuing to preach, and encouraging the building up of a branch of Prospect church within the reputed bounds of Centre, without the consent either of the Presbytery or of the Session of Centre, almost immediately after the dissolution of the Pastoral relation by the Presbytery and very shortly after his confessions of sin, professions of penitence, and promises of subordination, and circumspect deportment made to the Presbytery at the close of his recent trial.—

Testimony Records of Presb.

The first testimony presented on the part of the prosecuting committee was the Records of Presbytery touching the Centre case in a former

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trial of Mr Devin at Centre.

Parts of which were read in testimony. The parts read are found on pages 32, 73, 74, 75 and 76.

Second item of testimony was the records of Presbytery at a regular meeting at Marion in Aug. 1843. See pages 91, 92, and 93.

The accused, (Revd J. De Ry Davies) admitted before Presbytery that he had preached regularly at the Free School House No 79, generally every other week.—

Mr Templeton's Testimony

Elam Templeton, having been duly sworn, testified. That he thinks he knows the bounds of Centre congregation, and the bounds of Prospect on the (west) side. Regards school house No 79 above referred to as being within the bounds of Centre.— Thinks Mr Devin did not preach at said place regularly before the dissolving of his pastoral relation with Centre.

Cross Examination.

Witness states that the ground on which the school house stands belonged first to Mr McNeely, who was an elder in Prospect church, and afterwards it fell into the hands of Mr Boyd, who had been a member of Centre church up to that time; but became a member of Prospect church on removing to that place, and was elected an elder of Prospect church. Mrs Moore lived farther West than this school house.— Prospect lies east, and Centre west of Mrs. Moore's.— Mrs. Moore was a member of Centre Church.— She withdrew her subscription from Centre, but did not take a certificate. There are families belonging to Centre which live beyond Mrs Moore's and the School House.— The house, (Mr McNeely's) before, and since the two congregations were united in the support of one Pastor, supported Prospect.— This school house is 3½ miles from Centre, and 5 miles from Prospect. The subscription determined the line, or the bounds. There are four families belonging to Centre who live on the east side of this place (School house); but none of Prospect on the west side of this place.

(Testimony read to witness and approved

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Mr Huggins' testimony

Joel Huggins, witness introduced on the part of the prosecution, being duly sworn testifies. That he knows the bounds of Centre, and the reputed bounds of Prospect on this side. Regards school house No 79 as within the bounds of Centre, fully. Thinks the distance 2 or 3 miles from Centre, and about 5 miles from Prospect. Thinks the cause of the dissolution of the Pastoral relation between Mr Davies and Centre was dissatisfaction and uneasiness on the part of the people. Thinks Mr Davies preaching at said School house was a drawback, and an injury to Centre congregation. Mr Davies did not consult with Centre Session about preaching at said school house. They disapproved of his doing so, but they could do nothing, and left it in the hands of Presbytery.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies that divisions existed in the congregation previous to the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Witness never attended a meeting of the congregation without coming in to hear preaching. He is a supporter of this church. Witness was not among the personal friends or opposers of Revd & Dr Roy Davies. There were no lines drawn between the two congregations, but were made by the whims of the people. (Read to Witness and approved.)

Mr Torrence's testimony

Lawson Torrence, Witness introduced on the part of the prosecution being sworn testified, That he is an Elder of Centre Session. Does not know distinctly the bounds of Centre. Mr James Moore, a member of Centre church who lived at the house just beyond school house No 79, applied for a dismission to join Prospect after the vote was taken to dissolve the pastoral relation. Capt. Neil Brawley, a member of Centre, lives beyond school house from this place. The preaching of the accused at said school house seemed likely to injure Centre church. Witness disapproved of it. Was not consulted.

Cross Examination.—Witness states that the Session of Prospect claimed the ground on which the School house stands. Witness regarded it as belonging to Centre.

(Read to Witness, and approved.)

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Revd H. N. Thorn's testimony

Revd H. N. Thorn, witness introduced on the part of the prosecution, being sworn, testified that he had preached for the period of 5 years at Prospect. At that time Prospect had no definitively marked bounds on the side next Centre. It was organized without territorial limits. At this time Mr. McNeely, who lived at the house just beyond School house No 79, was an elder of Prospect. Persons belonging to Centre church lived eastward of said Mr. Neely's place.—

Cross Examination.

Witness states that Mr. McNeely was an elder in Prospect. The witness is of opinion that a church erected at the School house would do an essential injury either to Prospect or Centre.—

(Read and approved.)

W. R. McNeely's testimony

Wm R McNeely, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies that steps have been taken towards having a house of worship near School House No 79.—Land has been purchased for that purpose. Capt Neil Brawley first mentioned this matter to Witness. The accused made no objection to the steps taken. The accused was one of the Committee appointed to measure the land. Mr Moore refusing to sell a small lot of 11½ acres without running a straight line cutting off some 22 acres, the accused bought about the half. The accused was present when the land was run off, and arranged the matter with Mr Moore about the overplus. No further steps have been taken towards building the house. Regarded as a branch of Prospect. A number of families belonging to Prospect church is more convenient to the School House than to Prospect.

The witness explained the cause of the late on the following papers, which he wished allowed to July the 13th.

"To the Session of Center Church

"We the undersigned request certificates of dismission

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from Center to put ourselves under the care of Prospect Church Session Jun 25th 1847

Wm R. McNeely
Eliza McNeely
Sarah M. Brady
Mary ann Brady
Daniel Brawly
Elizabh. T. Brawly
Robert E Brawly
Nancy E Brawly
Daniel J Brawly
John Brawley
Nancy Brawley
Mary McNeely
R. W. Reese
Mary Reese."

Cross Examination—

Witness states that there was a sabbath school at the school house before the dissolution of the pastoral relation, or any talk of it—There is a great number of children and others in that vicinity who cannot attend church elsewhere—Witness had repeatedly invited the Accused to meet with them at the Sabbath school and address them. Witness was the superintendent of the school—Mr Ramsey an Elder in Centre attended the Sabbath School occasionally. Mr Gray was talked of as superintendent but refused to superintend, because he could not be regular. Mr Gray is a member of Prospect Session.

The committee of the School District had insisted on the Rev. Mr Davies to preach there. Witness thought it important for the interest of that community, that Sabbath Schools should be kept up, and religious instruction enjoyed at the School House. A goodly number would be destitute of the means of grace were not religious exercises enjoyed at the School House. The school house is, in the opinion of witness, in the bounds of Prospect. Witness did not consider the preaching of the Rev. J. Le Roy Davies at that place as an act of insubordination to the Presbytery.

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Examination by the Court.

Witness states that this course encouraged the building of a house of worship at the school house. Before the dissolution took place, it was intimated that when it did take place they would invite him to that place. There were other bidders, who would have bought the land, besides Rev. Mr Davies. The land was run off on the Friday or Saturday before a communion at Centre. Witness does not remember that Rev. Mr Davies recommended those who were disaffected to remain in connexion with Centre. This committee was appointed by the neighbourhood by members from Centre and Prospect. The matter had been talked of for more than a year. a majority of those who talked about it were from Centre. The deed was made to the Committee, and their Successors in office, as Trustees of the Church. This land lay near the school house. Witness thinks that Mr Davies was present when this committee was appointed.

(Read and approved.)

J. S. Torrance testimony

John. S Torrance, a witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, That he does not know who originated the plan of erecting a church at School house. Witness has not contributed any thing towards paying for land.

Cross Examination.—

Witness thinks it the right of a Minister to have service in any part of his own bounds he pleases.

Examination by the Court.

Witness states that no consultation was held in the session of Prospect as far as he is aware. Thinks it would injure the church of Centre to build a church at School house. Think the School house was about the line between the congregations, if there ever was any line.

(Read and approved.)

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Alternate takes the seat of the principal

Mr D. F. Patterson, Alternate to Mr John M. Lowrance from the Session of Back Creek, was permitted to take the seat of Mr Lowrance, the latter having obtained leave of absence.

Rufus Ramsey testimony

Rufus Ramsey, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, That the Session of Centre was not consulted about the preaching of accused, and the building a church at School house. Witness did not approve of it, and would have opposed it on the ground of its injuring the congregation of Centre. Thinks the views of the Session of Centre, and that part of the people who voted for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between accused and Centre, were understood by those who were going for the erection, as being opposed to it. Regards the house just beyond the School house as about the line.

Cross Examination.

Witness does not recollect that Mrs. Moore subscribed to Centre to the Revd Mr Davies. Witness was at the School house one day when there was a Sabbath School; did not oppose the exercises. He did not oppose his family attending preaching there, because they were of age.

Witness never gave expression to his feelings of opposition to building a house there before to-day. His family attended preaching there occasionally.

(Read and approved.)

Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning, June 7th 1848. 8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer.

After the calling of the roll, the absentees immediately appeared: it was therefore on motion resolved, That the recording of the names of absentees this morning, be dispensed with.

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Leave of absence granted.

The Revd J. D. Hall obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery, in consequence of ill health.

The unfinished business of yesterday, viz: the trial of the Revd J. Le Roy Davies was resumed.

Revd H. N. Pharr recalled

Revd H. N. Pharr, witness for prosecution recalled. Witness states, that the reason why the petitioners, withdrew their petition, for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Revd J. Le Roy Davies and the congregation of Centre, was, as he (witness) understood from the proclamation of the Moderator of Presbytery, an expressed willingness on the part of Mr Davies to submit the whole matter to Presbytery.

Cross Examination.

Witness heard the accused answer, but did not hear distinctly what his answer was. This reply on the part of the accused only had reference to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

(Testimony read and approved)

Revd Cyrus Johnston's Testimony.

Revd Cyrus Johnston, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, That immediately after a melting scene in Presbytery, at the close and issue of the trial of accused in this house (Centre church) in June last, the petition for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between accused and Centre congregation was under consideration before Presbytery. Some one remarked, "under this state of things cannot these papers before Presbytery be "withdrawn"? viz: the petition and remonstrance referring to the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Some one (Mr Emerson witness thinks) replied on the part of the petitioners, "Provided Mr Davies consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation, we are prepared to withdraw the petition." In a low voice Mr Davies remarked, That he was now willing to leave that whole matter to the decision of Presbytery; which the Moderator of Presbytery repeated. The parties, viz; Petitioners and Remonstrants then had leave to withdraw the papers before Presbytery. Witness understood accused in his confessions before Presbytery to say, that he would be more circumspect in his future conduct. And the

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reason why Presbytery did not proceed to inflict a heavier penalty in the former case, was on account of his confessions of sin, professions of penitence, and promises of more circumspect walk in future.

Cross Examination.

Question by the accused. Was not a charge made against the Moderator and clerk of session, of sending up a false record of Centre session to the Presbytery in connexion with the Centre papers in the case of Robert Ramsey?
This question was decided by the Moderator, to be out of order.

Question by the accused. Was not this record read and compared with the original records at the meeting of Presbytery last June, and ascertained to be a true copy?
This question was likewise declared by the Moderator to be out of order, as it had no bearing whatever upon the charge which Presbytery was considering.

Examination by the Court.

Witness states, That the judgment of the Presbytery in the report of the Committee appointed to bring in the sentence of Presbytery was read to the accused, in which it was stated that unless the accused made such acknowledgments, and confessions as were satisfactory to the Presbytery, they would proceed immediately to suspend him from the ministry. Witness testifies that the accused asked half an hour for reflection; when he stated that he was prepared to make the acknowledgments and confessions required by Presbytery, which he accordingly did.

(Read and approved.)

E. Templeton recalled.

Elam Templeton, Recalled.

David Ramsey's testimony

Witness testifies, that accused, soon after the previous trial, in conversation with him, spoke of the charges that had been against him before, as of a very trivial nature, alluding especially to the failure of a contract about a buggy, and shaving notes. Witness further states that accused conveyed to his (witness) mind the idea, that he regarded his acknowledgments before Presbytery as of

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very little consequence; but did not recollect the exact words.

Cross Examination.

Mr Gray testifies, that he recollected that Mr Davies was charged with having collected funds for Davidson College which he never paid over to the Treasurer, but does not recollect that this was the subject of conversation at that time.

(Read and approved.)

H. M. Gray's testimony

Hugh M. Gray, witness for the accused, being sworn testifies, that the land on which School House No 79 stands belonged to Samuel McNeely at the organization of the church, who was one of the first Elders of Prospect church.
Mrs Moore lived about as far west as the said school house, and was a subscriber at Prospect. H. W. Boyd afterwards resided at the place formerly owned by Mr S. McNeely, and was a member, and an elder of Prospect. Witness calls it 2½ miles from his own house to Prospect church, and 2½ miles from his to school house No 79. - Considers said school house to be within the bounds of Prospect.
In Prospect it is generally considered as belonging to that congregation. Witness would not have felt that he was transgressing upon Centre congregation by superintending a Sabbath school, at said school house, and did not think of any thing else, but that it was Prospect ground.

Examination by the Court.

Witness testifies, that there are families belonging to Centre who live East of Mrs. Moore's and one family belonging to Prospect that lives west of Mrs Moore's. —

(Read and approved.)

David Ramsey's testimony

David Ramsey, witness for the accused being sworn, testifies, that he understood accused to say in his confession before Presbytery, that instead of his overreaching Mr Overman, Mr Overman had overreached him.

Examination by the Court. Recalled

The one expression which is recorded is the only one which witness distinctly recollects.

(Read and approved.)

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D Cresswells Testimony.

David Creswell, witness for the accused, being sworn, testifies, that he understood accused to say in his confession before Presbytery, that instead of his overreaching Overman, Overman had over reached him.

Here the Prosecuting Committee admitted the fact that Mrs. Esther Moore was a subscriber at Prospect, and never a subscriber at Centre since accused preached here.

Witness proceeds, and states that there is pine timber and shingle timber on the piece of land purchased by the accused from Mr. Moore adjoining the land bought by the committee for the Sabbath School Meeting House, and that this land is nearer the mills where the accused has been in the habit of having his sawing done. Witness has heard the accused speak of these things.

Examination by the Court.

Witness states that he lives about two miles from the school house. This became a preaching place by invitation on his part and that of others. There was a meeting on the subject which Mr Davies attended. He was on the committee to purchase the land. The committee gave their note in payment for the land purchased and designed for the sabbath school meeting house. They had to purchase more than was necessary. Mr. Davies took all that was not necessary for the purpose contemplated by the committee. The erection of this house was not talked of until after the dissolution of the pastoral relation. The scheme originated with those who were dissatisfied with the dissolution. From 40 to 60 children regularly attend the Sabbath school. Mr Davies was not at the meeting at which the committee was appointed to purchase the land; but he was added to the committee afterwards. The matter of building the house was not talked of in the knowledge of the witness until the dissolution, though he lives within a mile of Wm R. McNeely's. Mr Davies preached at the school house to the Sab-

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=bath school before the dissolution.

(Read and approved.)

McDavis trial. Leave of absence granted.

The Revd R. H. Lafferty (Moderator) obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery, on account of ill health. On motion the Revd Cyrus Johnston, the last Moderator was called to the chair.

Presbytery took a recess of Forty minutes.

After recess. Presbytery met.

Revd H. N. Pharr recalled.

Revd H. N. Pharr, witness for the prosecution, recalled. Witness testifies, that accused said in his defence that "instead of his overreaching Overman, his belief was that "Overman was overreaching him"; but to the best of witness' recollection this language was not used in his confession before Presbytery.

(Read and approved.)

Revd Cyrus Johnston recalled.

Revd Cyrus Johnston, witness for the prosecution, recalled. Witness states, that accused said in his defence that "instead of his over reaching Overman, Overman had over reached him", accompanied by an emphatic tone, and significant gestures, but after taxing his powers of recollection witness has no remembrance of any such language in his confession before Presbytery.

Examination by the Court.

Witness states, that he was sufficiently near the accused to hear the whole of his confession.

(Read and approved.)

2d Specification.

2d Specifi. taken up.

The second specification was taken up, and read, and is as follows, viz: False representations, and fraudulent measures in his procuring the transfer of members from Centre to Prospect, in his reporting to the Presbytery at Marion some 61 members, as received into Prospect on certificate, some of whom had neither applied for a dismission, nor authorized such application, and in his reporting to the Session of Prospect some 61 additions on certificate, the

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most if not all of whom were from the church of Centre, of whom he had not authority from the Session of Centre to grant more than two or three certificates of dismission.—

Mrs. C.H. Douglass testimony

Mrs Catharine H. Douglass, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that she is a member of this (Centre) congregation, and this church. Has been such for a great while, and still is such. Her name was announced as having been transferred by certificate from Centre to Prospect. The accused offered to give witness a certificate to come back to this church, which she declined receiving.

Cross Examination.

Witness states, that she never had a conversation about the transfer of her connexion from Centre Church to Prospect, with her son or the accused. Mr Davies read out her name as a member of Prospect church after the death of her son. Her name was read out as a member of Prospect church at the fall communion.

(Read and approved.)

Miss Jane Henry testimony

Miss Jane Henry, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that she had been a member of this church some 4 or 5 years. Is now a member of Prospect. Was advised by Robert Ramsey to change her connexion from Centre to Prospect. He presented a paper for witness to sign; does not recollect what was on the paper. Witness signed the paper for herself, for her Mother and for her sister. Her Mother was not present, but she had heard her say, she was willing to take her name from Centre, if there were not more peaceable times here, and go to Prospect. Witness was at Prospect, and heard her own name, together with that of her Mother and sister read out. Witness signed the paper because she wished to have preaching at Prospect, as she saw no likelihood of having any at this church. Witness did not request any one to apply to the session of Centre, nor did she herself apply.

Cross Examination.

Witness states, that the paper presented to her by the accused was the paper signed by her. Which is—"We want a certificate to join Prospect church to Mr Davis and Centre "Church."

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Witness states, that Mr Davies had never advised her or any of them to leave Centre and join Prospect. Witness did not see Mr Ramsey write his name to the paper. The paper which she signed was prepared before Mr Ramsey came to her Mothers.—

(Read and approved.)

W.C. Moore testimony

W. C. Moore, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that he has been a member of Centre church. Is now a member of Prospect. Changed his connexion before the meeting of the Presbytery at Marion. Brought no certificate to this church when he joined. Never carried a certificate. Witness said to accused, he believed he would leave Centre church and go to Prospect. Never made any application to the session. Expected his name to be read out at Prospect, as he had told accused to attend to this matter for him. His name was read out after the vote was taken for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.—

(Read and approved.)

Capt. Brawley testimony.

Capt Neil Brawley, witness for the prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that he was formerly a member of Centre church. Is now a member of Prospect. Joined at Prospect since the dissolution of the pastoral relation. Was visited by W.R. McNeely and accused. Mr McNeely had a paper with him, which he (witness) signed, purporting to be an application for certificates of dismission. Accused told him he was authorized to give certificates to as many as wished. Witness never asked for a certificate.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies, that the paper presented by the accused was the paper which he signed, which was a request for a certificate of dismission from Centre to unite with Prospect church.

Examination by the Court.

Witness remembers having had some conversation with the committee in reference to signing this paper. Witness stated to the committee that the paper had no heading. That it was an expression of his willingness to attend

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church at Prospect. Witness signed the paper after the vote for dissolution. (Read and approved.)

Rufus Ramsey testimony.

Rufus Ramsey, witness for prosecution, testifies, that he is a member of Centre session. There was no application to the session for certificates for any of the persons transposed from this church to Prospect, except on the part of James Moore, which was granted. On the last day that accused preached in Centre church, when he requested a meeting of session, witness was present during a part of the time.

Cross Examination.

Witness states that he was here on the Sabbath before Presbytery when the dissolution of the pastoral relation took place. Mr Davies stated after preaching that some persons were wanting dismissions, which was all that witness heard on the subject of certificates. There were only two members of Session present. There was generally a majority of elders when there was preaching at this place. Witness states that another clerk was appointed by the session on the day, or some day preceding that on which the vote was taken for dissolution, though Mr Davies was not present. (Read and approved.)

Lawson Torrence testimony

Lawson Torrence, witness for prosecution, testifies, that he was present when the committee appointed by Presbytery met to investigate the difficulties. Mr Brawley stated to that committee that Mr W. K. McNeely presented a paper to him at his house which had no caption, having but two names on it. Accused represented to Mr Brawley, according to Mr Brawleys statement, that the paper was for persons to sign who wished to have preaching, as there was no likelihood there would be any in Centre soon. Witness states that there had been no application to the Centre Session for certificates, of which he has any knowledge, except Mr Moore.

Cross Examination.

Witness state, that owing to sickness in his family

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he was not in the habit of attending the meetings of session regularly. (Read and approved.)

E. Templetons testimony.

Elam Templeton, witness for prosecution, testifies, that Mr N. Brawley told the committee that he had told Mr Mr. Neely and accused on their visit to his house, when the paper was presented to him, that he did not wish to leave Centre, but on its being represented to him, that it was only to be signed by those who wished to have preaching at Prospect. he signed it. Mr Brawley said, there was no caption to the paper. The accused met with witness and Rufus Ramsey on the last day on which he (Mr Davies) preached in Centre church, at which time, he told them of some 6 persons who wished certificates. The names were mentioned in the presence of witness, but not in Mr Ramseys. No other applications were made, except in the case of James Moore.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies that he did not recollect having given authority to give certificates to all applicants. He named nine in his hearing to the dismission of whom witness assented. Mr Robert Ramsey came into the house after the accused had named to witness the persons who desired certificates. Mr Rufus Ramsey came in about the same time.—

(Testimony read to witness and approved.)

W. K. McNeely testimony.

W. K. McNeely, witness for prosecution, testifies, that he went to some five or six places to give those persons who had applied to accused an opportunity of obtaining certificates of dismission from Centre to Prospect. Accused requested witness to visit certain families for this purpose. This occurred after the vote was taken for the dissolution of the pastoral relation. This was just before the meeting of Presbytery at Steel-creek in July last. Accused said that he would have use for them. Witness understood that it was the design of accused to show the Presbytery

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that the vote had not been taken fairly in the congregation.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies, that these persons had made application to the accused, but that the accused preferred having the names written. Witness applied repeatedly for a dismission before the pastoral relation was dissolved, and wrote a letter to that purpose, without any advise, or consultation on the subject with the accused. Witness remembers hearing Mr Templeton state that he (the accused) had no authority to grant him a certificate: but subsequently stated that he (Mr Templeton) had given authority to the accused to give certificates to all applicants, though he did not expect so many. Witness heard Mr Ramsey say that the accused had no authority to grant certificates. He stated what had taken place in the session; when he said that accused had applied for authority to grant certificates to all applicants, to which Mr Templeton assented; but he (Mr Ramsey) gave no answer to the request.

Examination by the Court.

Witness testifies that the reason why the accused wanted witness to go to Mr Brawley was that he might get his name to the request before the relation was dissolved. Witness was present at the congregational meeting. Witness and accused went to Mr Brawleys in company, accused having met witness on the road.

(Read and approved.)

D. Cresswells testimony.

David Cresswell, witness for prosecution; offers no testimony.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies, that he applied, some six or twelve months before the dissolution, for a dismission. The accused dissuaded him from taking a dismission. It was of his own free choice that he made application for a certificate. Witness was dissatisfied with the proceedings of the congregation.

(Testimony read to witness and approved.)

E. Templetons recalled.

Elam Templeton, witness on the part of the prosecution, recalled. Witness testifies, that he did not make an admission to accused, in the presence of W. R. McNeely, that he had given his consent to accused to grant certificates to all applicants. And that Mr McNeelys name was not of the number of those for whom certificates were asked. Accused said, he wore two hats, and had left the names, for whom he designed to apply, by mistake, in the hat he had left at home. This meeting was in the public road near the school House No 22.

(Read and approved.)

John N. Bowmans testimony.

John N Bowman, witness for prosecution, testifies, that he was in the Session of Prospect when these persons were added to the church of Prospect. There was but one paper presented. The form, witness thinks, was as usual with all the names signed. This occurred shortly before the meeting of Presbytery at Marion. Witness thinks there were 50 names, or upwards. The list of these was read by accused publicly. Witness did not approve of the reception of the members at that time, but made no open opposition.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies that others had been received on certificate, who had not been announced to the congregation. Mr Douglass applied for the ordinance of baptism, when witness advised him to bring a certificate. The accused afterwards reported that Mr Douglass had applied to him for a certificate for himself, his wife, and his mother. The names on the paper (see page 182) were reported in the general list, and received by Prospect church before the meeting of Presbytery at Marion. (Read and approved.)

W. C. Johnstons testimony.

W. C. Johnston, witness introduced on the part of the prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that he is a member of the session of Prospect, and was present when these persons were received. There were about 58 names on the list. The certificate seemed to be in due form, and all the names signed to one paper. Witness was not opposed to the reception of these members. They were from Centre Church.

(Testimony read to witness and approved.)

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A. C. McRee testimony.

A. C. McRee Esq. witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies that the accused reported to Presbytery at Marion 61 members on certificate, and 30 on examination added to Prospect church.

(Read and approved.)

A. McKinley testimony.

Alexander McKinley, witness for prosecution, being sworn, testifies, that accused reported to Presbytery at Marion Sixty one members on certificate, and Thirty members on examination, added to the church of Prospect. (Read and approved.)

Mrs. C. Cresswell testimony.

Mrs. Catharine Cresswell, witness introduced on the part of the accused, being sworn, testifies, that accused never did persuade her to change her church connexion; but he did, in her presence, dissuade her husband from this course, some months before the dismission was granted. (Read and approved.)

Robert Ramseys testimony.

Robert Ramsey, witness for accused, being sworn, testifies, that accused never persuaded him to change his connexion from Centre church to Prospect. Nor did witness ever hear accused persuade any one. Witness was present on the last day accused preached in Centre church, and heard the call for the session to meet. Has near the session a part of the time. Heard accused repeating to the session some names of persons desiring certificates. Afterwards accused said there were others who wished certificates, whose names he had forgotten, and asked permission to grant certificates to any applicants. To which Mr Templeton replied, "certainly, certainly!! do so".

Witness said some individuals sign a request for certificates— naming Mr Thompson, Mrs. Polly Brawley, Miss Jane Henry, and her mother make her mark ✕. — Mr Elam Templeton and Mr Rufus Ramsey were the members of session present at the above meeting. Mr Rufus Ramsey made no objection to accused granting certificates. After the reply of Mr Templeton, as just stated, the accused said he would grant the certificates.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies, that he had gone to see several families, in order to obtain names to a request for certificates. He received these names for the purpose of convincing Presbytery at Steel Creek that a large ma-

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jority was in favour of retaining Mr Davies. He read the request to Mr Thompson, who signed it in his presence. Mr Thompson lives twelve miles from Prospect, and is a very old man. Mr Thompson expressed a wish to hold his seat in the church of Centre. Mr Davies preached at Thompsons and Rankins after the dissolution. Witness carried a similar request to Mr McCravies which he did not sign, because he was not pleased with Mr Davies. Rev. Mr Davies knew that witness was going to some of the places, and did not disapprove of it.

The paper containing the names of Miss and Mrs Henry was written at the house of Mrs. Henry.

(Testimony read to witness and approved.)

W. Reese testimony.

Wilson Reese, witness for accused, being sworn, testifies that Mr Rufus Ramsey had said to him, that the accused had applied to the Centre session for certificates for the applicants, or all applicants. Mr Rufus Ramsey said he did not vote on the case. (Read and approved.)

D. Ramseys testimony.

David Ramsey, witness for accused, being sworn, testifies, that Rufus Ramsey told him that accused had applied to the session of Centre for permission to grant certificates to all that might apply. Witness asked him, if he did not consent to it? He answered that he did not say, yea or nay. Mr Templeton said, in answer to the question if the accused certainly, do so.

Cross Examination.

Witness testifies, that when the disagreement arose between Rufus Ramsey and himself, at the school house, at the meeting of the two sessions and the committee of Presbytery, about these certificates, the accused left after a short time.

(Testimony read to witness and approved by him.)

E. Templeton recalled.

Elam Templeton, witness for prosecution, recalled. Witness testifies, that on the day of the meeting of the committee at the school house between the sessions of the two congregations and the committee of Presbytery, Mr Davies came to the house of witness, and stated that he had advised him not to preach in this

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house; that one good turn deserves another; that difficulties had sprung up between the two Messrs Ramsies respecting those certificates, and that if he was questioned on the subject to say nothing; for it was probable that he would be required on oath to testify in relation to the matter.

(Read and approved)

W. Robins' testimony.

Wm Robins, witness for accused, being sworn, testifies, that there was a conversation between himself and Mr Templeton in reference to these certificates. That Mr Templeton stated that he had given authority to Mr Davies to give some certificates. He stated that Mr Davies had all power in his own hands to give certificates in relation (which was brought out) to the case of his wife.

(Read and approved)

Testimony was here closed by both parties. Presbytery then adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 7½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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7½ o'clock—

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present as on yesterday with the exception of those who had leave of absence — The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

All the testimony read.

On motion, it was resolved that the whole testimony in the case before Presbytery be now read. After which, the Moderator announced the following order of procedure; viz:

Order of hearing the parties.

1st That the original parties be now heard, viz: the prosecuting committee, and the accused.

2d That the roll be then called, giving each member of Presbytery an opportunity of expressing his views on the case.

3d Final judgment of Presbytery.

The parties having been heard to their satisfaction, the roll was then called that each member might have the opportunity of expressing his views on the case.

Vote of Pres.

The vote of Presbytery was then taken on the Specifications, and the general charge; and stood as follows, viz:

On Specification 1st Sustained 17. Not sustain 3. Non Liquet 2. —

On Specification 2d Sustained 16. Not sustain 4. Non Liquet 2. —

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General Charge. To sustain 18. Not to sustain 4 —

Committee appointed.

A committee was then appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case. Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. H. B. Cunningham, G. M. Gibbs, and Daniel Coleman, Esq.

Presbytery then took a recess for thirty minutes.

After recess. Presbytery met.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Committee report.

The committee, appointed to bring in a report expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, reported; which report was accepted, and after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee, appointed to draw up a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies, beg leave to present the following report — That in view of all the facts and circumstances, in view of the testimony spread upon the minutes in the case, and in view of the close connexion of his conduct in this case with his previous trial and confessions

Rev. J. LeRoy Davies Suspended.

Therefore — Resolved — That the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies be, and he hereby is Suspended from the office of the gospel ministry until he give to this Presbytery satisfactory evidence of his penitency for the crimes of which he has now been convicted —

The Rev. J. LeRoy Davies then placed before Presbytery the following paper viz:

Mr Davies gives notice that he will appeal.

I hereby give this written notice to the Presbytery of Concord that I intend to appeal; and I do hereby appeal, from the judgment this day rendered, to the Synod of North Carolina, which appeal and reasons therefor I intend to lodge with the proper officer within the time specified by the constitution —

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Presbytery then adjourned to meet in the town of Morganton, Burke county North Caro-

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=lina, on Thursday the 7th day of September 1848, at 12 o'clock P.M.— Closed with prayer—

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz; Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick, Stephen Frontis, Albertus L. Watts, Daniel Lindley, J. S. McCutchen, Thos. F. Johnston, James E. Morrison, Wm. L. Morrison, Jas. F. W. Freeman, Samuel Murray, John E. McPherson, and Thos E. Davis.

Appeal and complaint of the Rev. J. DeRoy Davis.

The following Appeal and complaint was lodged with the Moderator of Presbytery, by the Rev. J. DeRoy Davis on Friday the 16th day of June 1848.

Appeal of Mr. Davis

In pursuance of notice given to the Presbytery of Concord at the close of its recent sessions in Centre church on the 6th 7th and 8th June 1848, the undersigned would respectfully appeal; and does hereby appeal, and complain to the Synod of North Carolina, at its next stated sessions, from a judgment of that Presbytery, by which your appellant was suspended.

We feels constrained to appeal and complain from that judgment for the following among other reasons:

1st. Because of the equivocal phraseology in the 1st Specification of Insubordination to the Presbytery in his continuing to preach &c... "within the reputed bounds of Centre, without the consent, either of the Presbytery or of the session of Centre", which phraseology was explained by the committee of prosecution as intended to cover not only the particular place alluded to (i. e. School House No 11, which was proven, and by them admitted to be within the bounds of Prospect and not those of Centre,) but any other point either within those not only of Centre, but even Prospect itself where the persons who had withdrawn from Centre, in the judgment of this session, or the Presbytery's, might be accommodated to the disadvantage of Centre; which must necessarily include the meeting-house of Prospect itself, for many of these are residing as convenient and some of them more so to Prospect church than Centre; and thus the Presbytery arrived at the remarkable result of condemning your appellant for continuing to preach in the bounds of his own Pastoral charge, and to the identical people over whom the Holy Ghost had made him overseer, by the Presbytery's own act of installation, charging him to preach to them.

2d— Because your appellant was condemned for influencing members to leave Centre, and procuring their transfer to Prospect in the absence of any direct proof, and in opposition to the positive testimony of every witness examined on that point— nay more— in the face of testimony from different individuals (who had applied to the

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appellant for and ultimately obtained their certificates of dismission) that he had used his influence, and for months succeeded in keeping these applications back from the session of Centre, but they being finally demanded in writing in most instances he consented, as in duty bound, finally to present them to the session of Centre at a meeting of said session, convened by a public call of the Moderator for the express purpose of obtaining its order to grant dismissions to all these applicants. ✓

3d. Your appellant complains that a very improper use (in procuring his condemnation on the charge of insubordination) was made of the cautious and constitutional steps taken by two of the aggrieved members of Centre, and among the applicants for dismission; one of them with his consent after consulting as to the best measures of redress; the other of his own accord resolving to go to persons who had verbally applied for dismissions (and some of them through these individuals) for the purpose of obtaining from these individuals their applications in writing, under their own signatures; not only that these applications might be granted by the session should any objection be made by the session, but more fully to satisfy Presbytery where they were to have been used to counteract what we believed to be the unconstitutional action of the session of Centre, sanctioned and concurred in by the Committee of Presbytery sent expressly to ascertain the wishes of the constitutional voters of the Church, and to prevent irregularities and unconstitutional proceedings that had occurred in the previous vote of the congregation preceding the petition for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between your appellant and the church of Centre; which was met and counteracted by a remonstrance in opposition, complaining of these, and distinctly warning the Presbytery that it would break up Centre to dissolve the relation; signed by some seventy members and subscribers; that Presbytery before acting on the report of that committee and deeming the dissolution might be enlightened as to certain facts, viz; that more than 50 members of Centre had applied for and obtained dismissions, while only 26 had voted for dissolution, that of these 26 votes, few were either members or present subscribers, some of them having for years withdrawn their subscriptions, others having never been either members or subscribers; that others were not allowed to vote, who were members of the church, and yet others who had within the last year or 2 become subscribers, who attended for that purpose: all of

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which facts were intended to have been brought to the notice of Presbytery, had your appellant not been providentially prevented from reaching the place of its meeting where the vote was taken on the first and only day of the Presbyterys sessions at that meeting in his absence. Your appellant instead of feeling bound, because he had consented to refer this matter to the decision of Presbytery, not to make, nor permit others to make efforts to bring these facts to the knowledge of Presbytery while the question was still pending, regarded it a sacred duty he owed to the Presbytery itself, as well as to his afflicted people, and himself.

The above detailed plans and facts are not now referred to for the purpose of impugning the motives of the parties concerned, or reflecting on the Presbytery for acting in my absence, on account of which I was prevented from bringing them to their notice at the proper time, which was not their fault so much as my misfortune, but to show that your appellant had ample reasons for not discouraging the efforts made with a view to enlighten Presbytery, but especially to appeal and complain that such efforts, for such a purpose made before dissolution of the pastoral relation; should have been so construed as to be regarded as evidence of insubordination, as though made after the vote of dissolution had been passed by the Presbytery.

4th – Again, your appellant complains and appeals from the judgment of Presbytery, because no allowance was made by it, although the veracity of both the witnesses of Presbytery, relied on to prove the charge of dismissing members of Centre without authority from the session, was impugned by five witnesses of unimpeachable veracity, four of whom heard statements from one or the other, or both of them stating the fact that your appellant has asserted, and knows to be true, that he had authority to grant dismissions to all applicants, and a fifth was present, and heard the authority to do so asked for, and granted, all of which statements were made soon after this action of the session, in answer to inquiries as to what was done by session, and before it was ascertained that charges

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would be brought against your appellant, and before these individuals became interested to conceal, or deny the truth on this point.

5th - And lastly, your appellant complains and appeals, because he regards the sentence of censure passed on him as exceedingly disproportioned to the offence charged: even had the items charged been sustained by the testimony. Should a Minister, through misapprehension as to the real line of boundary of his pastoral charge, preach at points beyond even an ascertained boundary line; when and where in the history of the Presbyterian church (which boasts of its liberality and freedom) was ever a Minister before suspended for preaching beyond his bounds in a vacant congregation, at the request of the people and opposed by no one, and such acts condemned as insubordination? When and where was ever a Moderator, or any other member of session suspended from office, for dismissing members by certificate, on request, though they had no order of session? a thing of frequent occurrence.

But the Presbytery of Concord have suspended your appellant for continuing to preach within the admitted limits over which that Presbytery had constitutionally charged him to exercise his ministry, and to the very people of his pastoral charge, who yet cling to him as their pastor, and for presiding over what he regarded a constitutional meeting of session, there being present two elders and the Moderator, and for complying with what he believed to be the constitutional action of a constitutional session, and thereby granting dismissions to those demanding them, and who had a right to demand them if they chose to do so, and he believes that neither he nor the session had a right to refuse when this demand was persisted in, especially in this pastoral charge, in which it was proven by the Presbytery's witnesses during the progress of this trial, members had been allowed, and were in the habit of passing from one of these churches to the other from the first organization of Prospect church, without any certificates of dismission, merely by changing their subscriptions from one church to the other; and all without objection or rebuke heretofore. — May your honourable body be directed by wisdom from above in so deciding this matter as to do justly, loving mercy, and exciting us all to walk more humbly with God —

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Presbytery met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock P. M. and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev R. H. Lafferty from Rom. III. 31. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. J. Sharr	John Berk jr.
" J. W. Morrison, A. P.	
" J. Williams, A. P.	
" J. Bentley	
" C. Johnston	
" H. L. Sharr	Mor. M. Hill
" D. A. Penick	John H. White
" J. M. H. Adams	Jacob Brider
" J. E. Morrison	
" J. J. Hall	Robert M. Alexander
" J. M. Wilson	E. J. Erwin
" Wm. L. Morrison	
" J. W. H. Furman	Silas J. Stewart
" J. Murray	
" H. B. Cunningham	David Harry
" A. Baker	J. J. Brawley
" E. P. Rockwell	John Steele
" John E. McPherson	
" W. W. Sharr	
" G. A. Gibbs	J. H. Granbe
" Thos. E. Davis	John K. Patterson
" R. H. Lafferty	Samuel Caldwell
" J. C. Sharr	
	John A. McFarland
	W. K. Everett
	Andrew B. Long
	Andrew Gray
	John Hart

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Election of officers

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, when the Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. was chosen Moderator, and the Revs. Messrs. J. E. Morrison and H. B. Cunningham temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office in the usual form.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Court House to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as on last evening. The minutes of last evening were read.

Minutes of previous meetings read.

The Minutes of the sessions of Presbytery at Rocky River, Sharon, and Centre, were read, corrected, and approved. Those members who were absent from the meeting at Centre were called on for their excuses, which excuses, as far as rendered, were sustained.

Absentees from Sharon excused.

On motion resolved that the absentees from the meeting at Sharon be not called on to render their excuses for their absence.

Installation of Rev. A. Baker

The Committee appointed to install Rev. A. Baker pastor of the Church of Salisbury, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the installation services took place on Saturday July 21st 1848.

Installation of Rev. Thos. E. Davis

The committee, appointed to install Rev. Thos. E. Davis over the church of Bethesda, reported that the duty assigned them had been performed, and that the installation services took place on Saturday, April 22d 1848.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Thos. E. Davis over the church of Beck Creek, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them and that on Saturday, May 6th 1848 the installation services took place.

Report of members of Presbytery to missionary work.

The Brethren, to whom fields of Missionary labour were assigned, were called upon to report in respect to the performance of this duty; when it appeared that in some cases this duty had been performed, in others not. The excuses of those

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who failed were sustained.

Appearance of members.

Mr. Joel Huggins, Elder from Centre church, and Mr. James Parks, Elder from Providence church, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats, as members.

Appointment of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator viz; On devotional exercises, Rev. Messrs. J. M. Wilson, D. A. Penick, and Mr. E. J. Erwin.

On Minutes of the General Assembly
Rev. Messrs. H. W. Sharr, A. Baker, and Mr. J. H. White.

On Minutes of Synod
Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, J. C. Hall, and Mr. David Harry.

Judicial Committee
Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D., W. S. Sharr, Cyrus Johnston, and Mr. J. H. Gruenler.

On the Narrative.
Rev. Messrs. S. Prentiss, and J. M. H. Adams.

Complaint of Wm. R. Maxwell.

A Complaint from Mr. Wm. R. Maxwell, a member of the Session of Philadelphia church, against the session of said church, was presented, read, and referred to the judicial Committee.

Appeal of Miss Sarah J. Parks.

A paper purporting to be an appeal of Miss Sarah J. Parks from a decision of the session of Philadelphia church was presented, read, and referred to the judicial committee.

Reference of the Bethany church session.

A reference from the session of Bethany church was presented, read, and referred to the judicial committee. A paper from Mr. J. A. Bell in regard to the same matter was presented, read, and referred to the judicial committee.

Report of Commissioners to Gen. Assembly.

The Rev. D. A. Penick, one Commissioners to the last General Assembly being called upon, reported, that he, together with the Lay Commissioner Dr. C. W. Harris, had attended the sessions of the late Assembly, and that he had diligently attended to the business that came before that body. This report was, in all respects, satisfactory to Presbytery.

Proposed change in constitution of Davidson College.

The subject of a change in the constitution of Davidson College was taken up, and on motion it was postponed

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until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

It was resolved, that the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock shall be the presenting of written reports by the several members on the state of religion in their respective charges.

Order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A.M. the preaching of the Doctrinal Sermon.

Place and time of next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to appoint the place and time for the next regular meeting; when it was resolved, That the next regular meeting be held at the church of Concord, Iredell Co. N. C. on Thursday before the third Sabbath in April 1849, at 11 o'clock A.M.—

Presbytery took a recess until half past two o'clock P.M.—

2½ o'clock. Presbytery met—

Committee on the death of Rev. J. S. McCutchan.

On motion the Rev. Messrs H. L. Pharr and E. F. Rockwell were appointed a committee to bring in a minute in regard to the death of Rev. J. S. McCutchan.

Appearance of Elder.

Mr. S. McCutchison, Elder from the church of Charlotte, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Three o'clock having arrived the order of the day was attended to, viz: presenting reports on the state of religion.

Supplies to vacant churches &c.

Applications being made by the sessions of Centre, Tabor, and Bethany churches for supplies. It was Resolved that Rev. J. Williamson D.D. and Rev. J. B. C. Wilson, spend one sabbath each at Centre church; that Rev. Wm. L. Hall spend one sabbath at Tabor, and that Rev. Thos. E. Davis spend one sabbath at Bethany.

Report on the minutes of Synod.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod reported; which report was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The Committee to which were referred the minutes of the last meeting of Synod beg leave to report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them. And the first matter that claims the notice of Presbytery is on page 13 in the report of the Treasurer of the committee of Colportage, where it appears that only 8 churches in Synod have attended to the requisition of Synod in 1846 in Greensboro. And also

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on page 24 a resolution on the same subject and the committee would recommend that all those churches that have not aided the committee of Colportage, be requested to take up collections for that object before the meeting of Synod in Salisbury.

The second matter is found on page 17 on the subject of the religious instruction of our colored populations; but as the subject has been before Presbytery, and they have taken action on it so recently, the committee recommend that nothing further seems called for at present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. F. Rockwell, J. J. Hall, David Harry } Committee.

Report of the judicial committee on the reference from Bethany.

The Judicial Committee brought in a report on the reference from the Session of Bethany church, which, after being amended, was adopted, and is as follows: viz: A reference from the session of Bethany church in the case of Mr. Thos. A. Bell, and his wife Mrs. Nancy C. Bell, having been presented to Presbytery, and said reference with other papers connected with it having been placed in the hands of the Judicial Committee — Said committee after carefully examining all the Records of the Session of Bethany would present the following report, viz:

This case has been laid before Presbytery without that formality or testimony which would justify a correct and judicious judgment — There is no specific charge against either of the parties, except the general fact of their not living together. It is impossible for Presbytery to decide which party is guilty in the separation, or how far both may be guilty, in absence of testimony. The testimony which appears upon the Minutes of the Session is confined to the statements of the parties themselves, or of their immediate friends; and in the absence of all specific proof of guilt, it would appear unconstitutional for Presbytery to proceed to the final adjudication of a case demanding definite evidence, and involving questions of law, and the peace of families. The Committee therefore recommend

the adoption of the following Resolutions—

1st— That the Reference be returned to the sesion of Bethany church, as too indefinite and informed for trial by Presbytery.

2d— That a Commission of Three Ministers and Six Ruling Elders be sent to said church to use all prudent and christian means to effect a Reconciliation between the parties, and an amicable Settlement of the whole matter.

3d— In case said Commission should fail to reconcile the parties, that they be authorized and directed to meet on their own adjournment, and lay the case before the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Mr J. Alexander, Elder from the church of Lincolnton, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

It was on motion resolved— That the Revd J. M. Wilson, together with the judicial committee be a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the views of this Presbytery, in regard to the high, solemn, and binding obligations of the marriage relation, to be appended to the report on the reference from Bethany church, and to be sent to the session of said church.

Revs. Messrs H. L. Thorn, E. J. Rockwell, and J. D. Hall were appointed a committee to nominate the Commission to go to Bethany church.

Presbytery took a recess until half past seven o'clock P. M.

After recess. Presbytery met.

On motion, It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 9 o'clock to hear the report of the committee of Domestic Missions on the subject of becoming auxiliary to the Assembly's Board.

The Committee on the Narrative of the state of Religion, reported; which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows—

In presenting to Synod a brief narrative of the state of religion within its bounds, the Presbytery of Concord, unwilling to despise the day of small things, would say:— that if contentment and even increased attention on the preached gospel,— well sustained prayer meetings, and Sabbath schools— regular contributions to the Boards of our church— and particular attention to our coloured population, are favourable indications and causes of encouragement, then indeed the Presbytery should be encouraged, and praise Him, who has not left Himself without witness among us in doing us good.

Of many of our churches we can say that they hold on their way; and even wax stronger and stronger.

Some of our brethren report an encouraging increase of members, and in a few churches there have been very considerable additions. A very pleasing interest is manifested by young persons of both sexes in the public means of grace, and a very considerable portion of our public assemblies is composed of such. Most of our brethren devote a portion of their time exclusively for the benefit of the coloured population in their respective congregations; not only by preaching statedly to them, but also by a system of oral catechetical instruction.

Our brethren do also give more or less attention to their respective Sabbath Schools, some of which are flourishing; besides this, instruction is also given, in some instances, and with good effect, on our Confession of Faith and Form of Government.

Causes of discouragement are few, and nothing has been reported of a decidedly unfavourable nature. Yet are we compelled to say that there is not with our people generally, nor with our ministers, that exclusive and entire devotedness to the cause of our Divine Master which our covenant engagements require of us. We say not that the cause of temperance does not excite the interest that it once did; and that in some neighbourhoods intemperance is on the increase.

We cannot report any special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and do, therefore, especially need his reviving influences, that our ministers may not labour in vain, nor spend their strength for naught, but that the word preached

Revision of the state of religion.

Narrative to Synod.

Mr. Elder appears in Presbytery, committee ordered to bring in a minute on the marriage relation.

may be accompanied with demonstrations of the Spirit, and tokens of the Divine Power.

Stephen Frontis, J. M. H. Adams } Committee.

Commission to visit Bethany church

The committee appointed to nominate the Commission to visit Bethany church, Reported the following persons; viz: Revd. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D, W. S. Shaw, D. A. Penick, and Messrs J. Kridler, Col. Thos. A. Allison. John Steel, Col. J. McCorkle, Ebenezer McNeely, and R. M. Roseborough. This report was accepted, and adopted.

Time when the visit must be made.

Resolved - That Tuesday the 17th day of Oct. next be the time for this Commission to meet at Bethany Church; and it is requested to report to Presbytery, during the meeting of Synod in Salisbury, if practicable.

Parochial Schools.

The subject of Parochial schools was then taken up. After considerable discussion of the subject, the following Resolutions were adopted -

Resolved 1st - That this Presbytery appoint three Ministers, and three Ruling Elders a standing Committee on Primary Education to carry out the system of Parochial Schools recommended by our General Assembly, and the Synod of N. C.

2d - That it be recommended to all our church sessions, to use their best endeavours to organize Parochial Schools within their respective bounds, in accordance with the General Assemblys system, and that they be required to report annually to the said Committee.

3d - That the Parochial School Committee take under consideration the expediency of establishing a Female School of a high order, to be under the supervision and patronage of the Presbytery.

Standing committee on Parochial Schools.

The following persons were appointed a standing committee on Parochial Schools; viz: Revd. Messrs. S. Williamson, D. D, Cyrus Johnston, A. Baker, and Messrs. J. W. Osborn, Daniel Coleman, and Dr. C. W. Harris.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in this place, at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and corrected. The order of the day for 9 o'clock was taken up; viz: The report of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions on the subject of becoming auxiliary to the Assemblys Board. The committee presented the following report, which was accepted, and after considerable discussion unanimously adopted; viz:

Report of Ex. Com. of D. Missions.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions having given some attention to the question, whether it would be desirable for this Presbytery to become auxiliary to the General Assemblys Board of Missions? Believing, that in view of the vast extent and importance of the field within our bounds, and the limited means at our command to meet the wants of the perishing thousands, who are looking to our church for the bread of life, much good may result from such a connexion, would cordially recommend to the Presbytery of Concord to become auxiliary to said Board.

It will appear from examining the terms on which such a connexion may be formed, that there can be but little risk in meeting them. The funds collected within our bounds are to be retained by our own Treasurer; the men and the fields may be selected by our own committee, and the amount necessary for their support determined. These things being so, we have every thing to gain and nothing to lose by this becoming auxiliary: Therefore - Resolved - That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the General Assemblys Board of Missions on the terms prescribed by said Board. Respectfully submitted

Presbytery becomes aux. to Gen. Ass. Board

J. M. H. Adams, E. F. Rockwell, J. M. Wilson, R. N. Shaw } Executive Com.

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Executive committee appointed.

Resolved- That the same executive committee be continued, and that Messrs. E. J. Erwin, and J. H. Gruender, Ruling Elders, be added.

It was- Resolved- That Rev. H. L. Thayer be Chairman, Rev. J. R. Wilson, Secretary, and Rev. E. P. Rockwell, Treasurer of said committee.

The Treasurer of the executive committee presented his report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. S. Frontis and Mr. E. J. Erwin. ✓

Report of com. on the marriage relation.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery on the Marriage relation reported; which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows.

In connexion with this case, (the Bethany case, see pages 212, 213) and for the information of all parties concerned the Presbytery, in its official character, as the exponent of the rules and laws binding in Christs kingdom, does deliberately and solemnly utter its judgment on the sanctity of the marriage relation, and the fearful guilt resting upon any, and all who lightly and illegally sunder the union, or advise or abet such separation, or hinder a re-union where separation has unhappily existed.

1st. We regard marriage, not as an institution of man, but as one of peculiar dignity in its original; having God for its immediate author- given to man to increase his felicity in a state of innocency, and mercifully continued to him since the fall, as the great safeguard of his happiness, dignity, and purity- upon the sacred observance and discharge of the obligations and duties of which relation depend all that is pure in morals, holy in religion, or lovely in society. Our Saviour, in attending a marriage while on earth, has given us emphatic information respecting the complacent manner in which it is received by Heaven.

2d. Of such strength is the obligation of this union, that God permits it to be broken, only by the force of one cause, and that the crime of fornication. For this crime, the offended party is justified in failing to discharge the duties involved in the relation, and may disown it altogether, but for nothing else is justification found.

3d. This institution, in the Divine estimation, is so sacred, the union so obligatory, and the duties so imperative and

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Report of com. on the marriage relation.

essential, that God, in order to protect it, interposed with the special prohibition "whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder". In accordance with this command the laws of our land refuse to dissolve the bond except for the scriptural cause of offence, and the apostle forbids all voluntary separations, except they are temporary, and for a pious purpose; that the parties may give themselves to fasting and prayer; and assigns as the reason, the peculiar temptation to which the parties are thereby exposed. From these facts and principles it follows

1st- That all voluntary separation by mutual agreement except under circumstances peculiar and of stringent necessity is opposed to the divine law of marriage, and adverse to its benign influence on society and religion.

2d- That the withdrawal of either party from the duties of the relation without justifying reasons, and contrary to the wishes of the other, constitutes a flagrant violation of this law, and brings down upon the offender the guilt of opposing by such an example and conduct, virtue, and purity, and religion, and all that should be held dear by society.

3d- That all persons countenancing, advising, or abetting such conduct, come in direct conflict with the divine law, and assume a fearful responsibility in trampling down and degrading an institution involving the highest interests of man.

4th- That it is the solemn duty of every Christian to maintain the sanctity and inviolability of the marriage relation.

5th- That these personal inconvenience, or feeling, or family connexion relations, or pecuniary considerations, or any other light cause will not be sufficient to exonerate such conduct from guilt.

Report of com. on the devotional exercises.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported. This report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows.

1st Psalmody by Rev. R. H. Lafferty.
2d Reading the Scriptures and prayer by the Rev. S. Frontis.
3d Address by the Rev. H. B. Cunningham.
4th Psalmody by the Rev. G. M. Gibbs.

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5th Address by the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.
6th Prayer by the Rev. H. A. Sharr.
7th Doxology by the Moderator, Rev. S. Williamson, D. D.
Exercises to take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee appointed to prepare a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. J. S. McLutchan, presented the following report, which was accepted, and adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the feelings of Presbytery in relation to the recent decease of Rev. J. S. McLutchan report the following.

Report of the com. on the death of Rev. J. S. McLutchan.

The last of the Fathers of the Concord Presbytery having fallen asleep, death has commenced his ravages among the younger brethren of the present generation. The name of Rev. John S. McLutchan heads the list of deaths from the existing members of this body. He died at Salem Va June 29th 1845 in the Forty first year of his age. He was ordained to the office of the Gospel Ministry in June 1833. In 1831 he came into our bounds a licentiate of Orange Presbytery. He commenced his labours at Philadelphia church, and for about 17 years laboured as Pastor or Stated supply at that place, Statesville, Morganton, New Hope, Bethany and Tabor. At most, if not all of these places the Spirit of the Lord accompanied his ministrations, and numbers were added to those churches.

The last of his ministerial services was in an interesting revival of religion in his own charge, where in declining health he laboured beyond his strength; from which he retired to close his labours and die. His pious walk, his godly conversation, his meek and quiet spirit, his punctuality in all his ministerial engagements, his fidelity in maintaining the truth and declaring the counsels of God, his success in rousing the slumbering and alarming the careless, and directing the inquirer to the Saviour, claims from us a cherished remembrance of him as a chosen Servant of the Lord, a faithful minister of the New Testament.

But his work is done. He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him. When his health failed, and he was warned of approaching dissolution, he set out to visit the place of his nativity in Virginia, to breathe his last under the paternal roof. But he was not permitted to enjoy that mournful satisfaction. In the midst of his journey, he fell asleep in Salem Va, where his mortal remains repose, emblematical of that rest into which he has entered; and in the words of the attending Physician, who witnessed his departure, "Surely the end of this man is peace". Therefore

Report in the death of Rev. J. S. McLutchan continued.

Resolved 1st That Presbytery recognise in this dispensation of Divine Providence a lesson of instruction from their Master to fulfill more faithfully the duties of the holy ministry, and of warning to be also ready for their last account.

2d That we should feel called upon to labour more, and to pray more, that faithful men may be raised up to fill the places of those who are called away.

3d That it is our duty to emulate the zeal, and imitate the labours and tread in the footsteps of those who have gone before us, wherein they have followed Christ.

4th That we as a Presbytery deeply sympathize with, and share in the afflictions and bereavements of the family of our departed Brother; and commend them to the care of the Father of the fatherless, and the widows God.

5th That the Stated Clerk forward a copy of this minute to the family of Brother McLutchan, and publish the same in the Watchman and Observer.

H. A. Sharr } Committee.
E. F. Rockwell }

Report of the judicial com. on the appeal of Miss Sarah J. Parks and the complaint of Mr. Wm. R. Maxwell.

The Judicial Committee brought in their report on the appeal of Miss Sarah J. Parks, and also on the complaint of Mr. Wm. R. Maxwell. This report was accepted, and, for the present, laid on the table.

The Rev. Messrs J. M. Wilson, and S. Murray were appointed to administer the Lord's Supper at Little Britain church on Sabbath the 17th instant.

Mr. Andrew B. Long obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes to meet in the Presbyterian church to hear the Doctrinal Sermon.

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Doctrinal Sermon preached by Rev. J. H. H. Adams.

After recess. Presbytery met.

The Doctrinal Sermon (on the Perseverance of the saints; Confession of Faith, Chap. XVII.) was preached by the Rev. J. H. H. Adams, from Rom. VIII. 38, 39. "For I am persuaded, that neither "death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things "present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other "creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which "is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

After the preaching of this sermon Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. to meet in the Court House.

2 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met.

Report of judicial com. taken up.

The report of the judicial committee was taken up, and adopted, and is as follows:

An Appeal of Miss Sarah J. Parks from a decision of the session of Philadelphia church; and a Complaint of Mr. Wm R. Maxwell against said session, having been referred by Presbytery to the judicial committee after a careful perusal of all the Minutes of the session, and the various Papers laid before them, the committee present to Presbytery the following report:

In the judgment of the committee the important principle of our church Government which secures the privilege of appeal or complaint from a lower to a Higher court of the church, manifestly implies that the matter of grievance shall comport with the dignity of the Body appealed to, and be important enough to demand its attention. In this case they find the whole matter trivial in its nature, indelicate in its relations, and entitled to no serious regard, except from the discord it may have excited between the parties. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1st Resolved— That the Appeal be dismissed for the following reasons:

That the whole matter complained of is not of that serious and important character to demand the solemn jurisdiction of Presbytery.

2d Resolved— That the Complaint of Mr. Wm R. Maxwell be dismissed on the ground that his complaint alleges that charges were tabled against him, when the Minutes of Session show that no charges were made, and the members of said Session declare they neither made or ever intended to make any charges whatever against him.

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Report of judicial com.

Resolved— That the Stated clerk be ordered to furnish the Minister supplying Philadelphia church with a copy of the above report, and that it be read publicly from the pulpit.

The report to be read publicly in Philad. church.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly reported; which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

Report of the committee on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

They report that they have carefully examined the Minutes of the General Assembly, and find that there was so much judicial business before the Assembly that there is but little in the minutes claiming the attention of Presbytery. The committee would bring to the notice of Presbytery the Resolution of the Assembly in relation to the observance of the Monthly concert of prayer, and collections to be taken up on the Sabbath. The Resolution is as follows:

Resolved— That all our churches be most earnestly exhorted to attend to the Monthly concert of Prayer, and collection; and that if practicable, the collection be taken on the Sabbath.

The committee would commend to the serious and prayerful attention of Presbytery the Resolution of the General Assembly bearing upon the cause of Colonization, which in the language of the Assembly combines the noblest benefits to Africa and America, to the emigrant colonists, and to the heathen tribes around them. (See page 32 of the Assembly's minutes)

The committee would further recommend to the special attention of Presbytery the resolution of the Assembly (page 52) on the important subject of Christian Education. The Resolution is in the following words: Resolved— That for the purpose of invoking, in a special manner, the blessing of God upon the measures for the Christian education of the rising generation which are in progress throughout our Church, under the recent action of the Assembly, and also for the purpose of uniting our common supplications in behalf of an increase of faithful labourers in the field of the world, it is recommended to our churches to observe the first Sabbath of

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November next as a day of special prayer and it is further recommended that our Ministers preach on that day, on some topic connected with the consecration and religious education of the children of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) W. W. Thorn, J. H. White } Committee.

Report of the com. to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Ex. com.

The committee appointed to examine, audit, and settle the accounts of Rev E. P. Rockwell, Treasurer of the executive committee on Domestic Mijsions reported; which report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows.

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find that the Rev E. P. Rockwell has received $670.74 cts, and disbursed $662.89 cts leaving a balance of $7.85.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) E. J. Erwin, S. Prentiss } committee.

Statistical report presented.

The Statistical report was presented, and read by the Stated Clerk, and he was ordered to forward it to Synod.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. Andrew Gray and James Parks obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening.

Presbytery had a recess of 10 minutes, to meet in the Presbyterian church to attend to the order of the day, viz: Devotional exercises.

After the Devotional exercises Presbytery returned to the court House, and resumed business.

Com. appointed to defend Pres. before Synod.

Resolved. That Revs Messrs J. M. Wilson, E. P. Rockwell, and McDaniel Coleman be a committee to defend the Presbytery before Synod, in the case of the Appeal of J. S. Reg Davies.

Salaries of the President and Professors of Davidson College.

The subject of the salaries of the President of Davidson College, and of the several Professors of the same, was brought to the notice of Presbytery by the chairman of the committee appointed by the Board of Trustees, when the former acts of this Presbytery on that subject were read. Whereupon it was

Resolved 1st That this Presbytery approve the action of the Board of Trustees, in paying the President of College ($1200) Twelve Hundred Dollars, and in paying each Professor One Thousand

Dollars ($1000) annually, as in furnishing each with a house in which to live.

Resolved 2d That their respective salaries be definitely fixed at these Sums.

These Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The vote stood. yeas 35. Nays 0.

Stated Clerk ordered to forward these Resolutions to Bethel and Fayetteville Presbyteries

Resolved. That the Stated Clerk be ordered to forward a copy of the above Resolutions, and the state of the vote to the Presbyteries of Bethel, and Fayetteville.

Com. on Parochial Schools ordered to report to Synod on D. College.

The committee on Parochial Schools with the addition of Rev W. J. Thorn were ordered to prepare a report on Davidson College, to be presented to Synod.

Rev. A. Baker to preach the next Spring sermon.

The Rev. A. Baker was appointed to preach the sermon on Popery at the next regular meeting of Presbytery, and the Rev. H. B. Cunningham his alternate.

Supply for Trinity church.

Revs. Messrs G. M. Gibbs, and J. M. Wilson were appointed to administer the Lords Supper at Trinity church. Time & Hour, at discretion.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock P. M. Presbytery met.

It was, on motion

A book to be kept by Pres. in which to record an outline of the Life and character of members deceased by death.

Resolved. That it be hereafter a standing rule of this Presbytery, that whenever any minister of Presbytery is removed by death, a special committee shall be appointed to prepare an outline of his life and character to report at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, and to be kept in a book to be procured for that purpose.

Correspondence with the A. Tract Society ordered.

Resolved. That the Rev E. P. Rockwell be appointed to correspond with the Secretary of the American Tract Society in regard to the funds collected within our bounds by the Rev A. W. Parmelee.

Supply for Asheville.

The Revs. Messrs J. M. Wilson, J. M. H. Adams, and Wm. A. Morrison, were appointed to administer the Lords Supper in the church of Asheville on Sabbath the 24th instant.

Rev J. W. Framan permitted to retain the call from Phil. D.

The Rev J. W. Framan was permitted to retain in his hands the call from Philadelphia church until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

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vote of thanks

Resolved - That the thanks of Presbytery be given to the citizens of Morganton for their hospitality to the members of this Presbytery, and also to the officers of the Methodist church for tendering the use of their house, and that this Resolution be published by the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church from the pulpit.

Presbytery ajourned to meet in the town of Salisbury, during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk

Absent members

N. B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence: viz; Revs Messrs Wm. A. Hall, A. L. Mills and S. K. C. Wilson.

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1848.

Statistical report

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of twenty-nine Ministers; and have, under their care, fifty-six congregations, four licentiates, and two candidates. That they have organized one new church, by name Bethesda: that on the 14th of April 1848 they received, as a member of their Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the Rev. A. Baker: that on the same day they received, as a member of their Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Holston, the Rev. Thos E. Davis: and that on the same day they dismissed Mr. James Harper, a licentiate, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee: that on the 22d of April 1848 they installed the Rev. Thos E. Davis, Pastor of the congregation of Bethesda, and on the 6th of May 1848 they installed him Pastor of the congregation of Beck Creek: that on the 28th of May 1848 they ordained Mr. Samuel C. Pharr to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the congregations of Providence and Sharon: that on the 8th of June 1848 they suspended the Rev. J. S. Key Davies from the exercise of the functions of the gospel ministry: that on the 24th of June 1848 they lost by death, the Rev. John S. McCutchan: and that on the 25th of July 1848 they installed the Rev. A. Baker, Pastor of the congregation of Salisbury.

By order of Presbytery

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R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

Synod of N. C. in Session, Salisbury Nov. 3rd 1848. Thus far examined, and approved.

Cyrus Johnston, Mod.

Salisbury N. C.

Thursday Nov. 2d 1848.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the last Moderator (Rev. R. H. Lafferty) the Moderator Rev. S. Williamson D.D. being absent, and was opened with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revs. Messrs. W. S. Sharp	Messrs. A. Hunter
S. Frontis,	R. Lowrie,
C. Johnston,	S. A. Hutchison,
E. A. Penick,	R. H. Morrison,
Wm. A. Hall,	J. Adams,
A. L. Watts,	A. S. King,
Jas. M. W. Adams	H. R. Hall,
Jas. E. Morrison,	J. W. Miller,
Jas. T. Hall,	C. Johnston,
L. Murray,	E. J. Erwin,
H. B. Cunningham,	C. Ramsey,
A. Baker,	J. L. Craven,
E. P. Rockwell,	J. A. Allison,
W. W. Sharp,	J. Howie,
G. M. Gibbs,	A. L. Erwin,
Thos. E. Davis,	W. Patterson,
R. H. Lafferty,	John F. M. Culp,
S. C. Sharp,	C. J. Alexander.

A petition, from a number of the citizens of Asheville and vicinity asking for the removal of the Rev. J. M. W. Adams from his present pastoral charge (Third Creek) to that place, was presented and read.

Whereupon after mutual deliberation, and information received, It was Resolved - That the congregation of Third Creek and the Rev. J. M. W. Adams be cited to appear before Presbytery at an adjourned meeting to be held at a time and place hereafter designated, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted; and that the Rev. E. P. Rockwell be appointed to read the citation to the congregation on some Sabbath, so that, at least two Sabbaths shall intervene between the citation and said meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery then took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Salisbury. Saturday Nov. 4th 1848.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator (Rev. S. Williamson D.D.). Present as on Thursday with the addition of Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, and Ruling Elder R. Potts.

Commission to Bethany report.

The chairman of the Commission appointed to visit Bethany church (See page 212) reported verbally that nothing had been accomplished.

A request was received from the Session of Bethany church, asking for a copy of a paper presented to Presbytery at Morganton by Mr. Thos. A. Bell. The Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish said Session with a copy of the paper desired.

Request of Bethel church.

A request was presented by the church of Bethel for permission to employ the Rev. S. B. C. Wilson as a temporary supply. This permission was granted.

It was

Resolved - That when Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Davidson College on Wednesday the 13th day of December next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Commission given to Rev. A. Baker to examine Records.

Rev. A. Baker asked permission to receive into his possession, for a limited time, from the Stated Clerk any of the Records of Presbytery that might aid him in preparing a History of Davidson College. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to hand over to Rev. A. Baker those Records which he desired.

Com. to prepare Obituary notices.

Rev. Messrs. A. L. Watts, Chas. Johnston, S. Frontis, and Messrs. E. J. Erwin, and S. A. Hutchison were appointed a committee to prepare brief Obituary notices of deceased members of Presbytery, and record them in a book to be procured for that purpose.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Davidson College on Wednesday the 13th day of Dec. next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolical benediction.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

Absent members.

N.B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence viz: Rev. R. H. Morrison D.D. Revs. Messrs. W. S. Sharp, Daniel Lindley, Thos. P. Johnston, Wm. L. Morrison, Jas. F. M. Freeman, and John E. McPherson.

Davidson College N. C.
Wednesday Dec. 13th 1848
11 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Revd S. Williamson D.D.—

Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Revd S. Williamson D.D.	Messrs. M.D. Johnston,
Revd Messrs J.M.H. Adams	W.B. Wood
S.B.C. Wilson,	
E.P. Rockwell,	J.H. McBroomie,
W.W. Phares	Dr C.W. Harris,
Thos E. Davis	Wm King,
R.H. Lafferty	Dr D.D. Caldwell,
	R.L. Alexander, of Hopewell church,
	Walter F. Shaw, of Rocky River,
	David Ramsey, of Prospect,
	Jas H. Wilson, of Charlotte,
	Robert Potts, of Bethel.

Corresponds. with Am. Tract Society

The minutes of the meeting of Presbytery at Salisbury referring to the petition from Asheville were read.

Petition from Asheville taken up.

Treasurer of Dom. Missions directed to remit money to Assembly's Board.

The Treasurer of the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions was directed to remit to the Treasurer of the Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions all the money remaining in his hands after he has paid off the Missionaries now in the employ of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess to meet this afternoon at the call of the Moderator.

3 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Time of next meeting changed.

At the request of the Pastor and Session of the congregation of Concord, the time of the spring meeting of Presbytery was reconsidered, and it was

Resolved—That the time of our next semi-annual meeting shall be on Wednesday the 4th day of April next. at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev E.P. Rockwell, who had been appointed (See page 221) to correspond with the Secretary of the American Tract Society in relation

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to monies collected by Rev A.H. Pennelee within the bounds of this Presbytery, reported, that he had attended to the duty assigned him; and read a letter which he had received from the Secretary of said Society containing statements which were satisfactory to Presbytery. The above minute was adopted. ✓

It was resolved that we now take up the petition from the people of Asheville praying for the removal of Rev J.M.H. Adams from his present charge, and that he be directed to labour among them. The petition was read.

Rev E.P. Rockwell stated that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and had read to the congregation of Third Creek the citation for them to appear before Presbytery, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

The action of the congregation in the case was then read. The Delegation from Third Creek appeared, and was heard in behalf of the congregation. This Delegation protested against the removal of the Rev J.M.H. Adams from his present charge.

Delegation from Third Creek heard.

The Rev J.M.H. Adams was also heard, and he left the decision of the case entirely to the judgment of Presbytery.

The members of Presbytery then gave their views on this subject after which it was Resolved: That the prayer of the petition be granted—the state of the vote being yeas 16: nays 6.

The prayer granted.

It was on motion

Resolved—That the Pastoral relation existing between Rev J.M.H. Adams and the congregation of Third Creek be and is hereby dissolved, and that the said congregation be declared vacant, and that the Rev J.M.H. Adams be directed to announce this resolution to the congregation.

Pastoral relation dissolved and Third declared vacant.

A Committee was appointed to bring in a minute embodying the reasons which led the Presbytery to the above decision. Committee, Mr Joseph H. Wilson, and Rev E.P. Rockwell.

Com. appointed.

Presbytery took a short recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Noclock P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

The Committee appointed to bring in a minute in relation

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Report of Comm. on the dissolution of the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. M. H. Adams and the congregation of Third Creek.

in relation to the action of Presbytery in dissolving the Pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. M. H. Adams and the congregation of Third creek, reported; which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Whereas, it appears to the satisfaction of this Presbytery that a Presbyterian church edifice has been erected in the Town of Asheville—

And Whereas a petition has been presented to this Presbytery, at Synod, by members of the Presbyterian church living in said town and vicinity, and others, praying for the ministerial services of the Rev. James M. H. Adams in the church afore said, which petition has been placed in the hands of Mr Adams, who has referred the same to this body for its advice—

And whereas the congregation of Third Creek, of which Mr. Adams has heretofore been, and is now the Pastor, has been cited to show cause why the Pastoral relation between him and said church should not be dissolved; which church through its delegates to this body presented a resolution to the following effect, viz: Resolved unanimously, That we retain the pastoral services of the Rev. J. M. H. Adams, and appointed Thos. A. Burke, and W. J. Graham Commissioners to said meeting of Presbytery to protest against said dissolution.

And whereas this body, after hearing the allegations of the petitioners, and the allegations of the church of Third Creek why the prayer of the petition afore said should not be granted, and after having discussed and fully considered the reasons for and against the prayer of the petition, do hereby declare that the same ought to be granted—And it is hereby further declared that the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. M. H. Adams and the church of Third Creek be and the same is hereby dissolved.

Joseph H. Wilson, E. F. Rockwell } Committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Concord, Iredell County N. C. on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, (April 4th 1849) at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer, and the Apostolical Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Absent members.

N. B— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout this meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. Messrs W. S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. Frontis, C. Johnston, H. N. Pharr, D. A. Penick, Wm A. Hall, A. S. Watts, D. Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, J. M. Wilson, H. V. Morrison, J. F. W. Freeman, L. Murray, H. B. Cunningham, A. Baker, J. E. McPherson, G. McGilvs, and S. C. Pharr—

Concord Church, Iredell Co. N. C.
Wednesday April 4th 1849

Presbytery constituted

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock A. M. and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Samuel Williamson, D. D. from 1. Cor. XV. 25. "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."

Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. J. Pharr	Messrs Thos. H. Hamilton,
" R. H. Morrison, D. D.	James W. Moore,
" S. Williamson, D. D.	
" S. Frontis,	
" C. Johnston,	
" H. N. Pharr,	Wm R. Stephenson,
" D. A. Penick,	David White,
" W. A. Hall,	Thos McNeely,
" J. E. Morrison,	John F. Phifer,
" Jas D. Hall,	
" John M. Wilson,	
" H. B. Cunningham,	
" A. Baker,	Abner Houpe,
" E. F. Rockwell,	
" J. E. McPherson,	Robert Caldwell,
" W. W. Pharr,	John M. Lowrance,
" Thos E. Davis,	John F. McNeely,
" R. H. Lafferty,	
" S. C. Pharr,	Thos B. Price, Church of Steel creek;
	Abner McCoy, " " Lincolnton;

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Ministers

Ruling Elders

Messrs Robert H Hill. Church of Bethany.
John Young. " " Tabor.
A. L Cowan. " " Third Creek.

Corresponding members.

The Revd Daniel Vernelle, a member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. N. J. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Officers: Whereupon the Revd W. L Pharr was elected Moderator, and the Revd Messrs. Thos E Davis and W. W Pharr were elected temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of Forty five minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

Minutes of previous meetings read and corrected.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and two adjourned meetings were read, corrected, and approved.

Absentees excused.

Absentees from the above meetings being called on for their reasons of absence rendered them. Their excuses were sustained.

Mr Rufus Ramsey an Elder from Centre church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Letter from Revd S. Murray

A letter was received from Revd Samuel Murray containing reasons for his absence from the present meeting of Presbytery which were sustained.

Mr R. E Sherrill, a licentiate licensed.

A letter was received from Mr R. E Sherrill, a Licentiate under our care, giving a very satisfactory account of his labours, and the manner in which he has been employed since leaving our bounds, and asking to be dismissed from the care of this Presbytery to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw in North Mississippi. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish Mr Sherrill with a certificate of good standing, and a regular dismission.

Mr W. Savage a licentiate dismissed.

A letter was also received from Mr W. L Savage, a Licentiate under our care, requesting a dismission from the care of this Presbytery with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel. This request was granted, and the Stated clerk was ordered to furnish Mr Savage with a letter of dismission.

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Call from Ramah congregation.

A Call from the congregation of Ramah, calling for one half of the ministerial services of the Revd Walter L Pharr was laid before Presbytery and read; and being in regular form, it was placed in his hands for consideration.

Com. to correspond with Revd D. Lindley.

On motion— Resolved: That Revd R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Revd Stephen Frontis, be appointed a committee to correspond with Revd Daniel Lindley, a member of this Presbytery, and Foreign Missionary at Port Natal, South Africa.

Com. to correspond with Revd J. Johnston.

Also Resolved— That Revd S. Williamson, D. D. and Prof. M. D Johnston, be appointed a committee to correspond with Revd Thos J. Johnston, a member of this Presbytery, and a Foreign Missionary at Smyrna, Asia Minor.

Revd D. A Penick resigns his agency of F. Missions.

The Revd D. A Penick handed in his resignation, as Agent of this Presbytery for the cause of Foreign Missions. It was thereupon Resolved— That his resignation be accepted, and that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the Revd D. A Penick for the fidelity and diligence with which he has served Presbytery as its Agent.

Com. to audit Revd D. A Penicks accounts.

The Revd J. E. Morrison and Mr John F. Wiley were appointed a committee to Audit his accounts.

Revd Cyrus Johnston appointed Agent for F. Missions.

The Revd Cyrus Johnston was appointed the Agent of Presbytery for Foreign Missions.

Appointment of committees.

The following Committees were appointed; viz:

1. On devotional exercises: Revd Messrs H. L Pharr and E. F Rockwell.
2. On Supplies: Revd Messrs John M. Wilson, and W. L Pharr and Mr Robt H. Hill.
3. On the narrative: Revd W. B Cunningham, and Revd S. Frontis.
4. Judicial Committee: Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison, D. D. Cyrus Johnston, and D. A. Penick, Messrs Thos B. Price, and David White.

Presbytery took a recess until ½ o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Committees on Sessional Records.

Presbytery met. The Moderator then announced the following committees on Sessional records, viz: Revd D. A Penick and David White, to examine the Sessional Records of the churches of Charlotte, Steel creek, Pleasant Hill, Providence and Sharon.

Revd S. Williamson, D. D and Mr Rufus Ramsey to examine the Sessional records of the churches of Hopewell and Sugar creek.

Revd Cyrus Johnston, and Mr John F. McNeely to examine the sessional records of the churches of Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Ramah, and Mallard creek.

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Committee on Sessional records.

Revd H. B. Cunningham and Robert Caldwell to examine the sessional records of the churches of Concord, Salem, Concord Ves, College church, Centre, Prospect and Fourth creek.

Revd Wm A Hall and John Gray to examine the Sessional records of Third creek, Beck creek, Bethany, Zion and Philadelphia.

Revd John McMillan and Mr John M Lawrence to examine the sessional records of Unity (Lincoln and) Lincolnton, Marion, Savannah, and Rheims Creek.

Revd A Baker and Mr Thos McNeely to examine the Sessional records of the churches of Morganton, Little Britain, Franklin, and Hyatts.

Revd J. L. Hall and Mr A L Cowan to examine the sessional records of the churches of Salisbury, Sugar creek, Bethel, Ebenezer, Virginia, and Rutherfordton.

Revd S. C. Caruthers and Mr Thos H Hamilton to examine the sessional records of the churches of Long creek, Mt Ulverton, Goshen, New Hope, Lebanon, Olney, New Hanover, Unity (Rowan) Sippe, Brasilla, Siloam, and Cunicaws Creek.

Members appeared in Presbytery.

Messrs Wm S. Moore and Thos W. Erwin were introduced to Presbytery with a view to be taken under its care as Candidates for the holy ministry. Whereupon they were examined on experimental religion and their views and motives in seeking the ministry. After this examination had been prosecuted to the satisfaction of Presbytery, it was Resolved. That Messrs Wm S. Moore and Thos W. Erwin be taken under the care of this Presbytery as candidates for the gospel ministry. It was Resolved. That Presbytery now proceed to the examination of these Candidates on their literary and scientific course. After having made some progress in this examination Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Messrs Moore and Erwin taken under the care of Presbytery.

Wednesday April 5th 1842

8 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Examination of candidates.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz: the examination of Messrs. Moore and Erwin, as candidates for the gospel ministry. Having made considerable progress in this examination in

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com. to examine Messrs Moore and Erwin.

the Latin and Greek Languages, Philosophy, Natural, and Moral; it was arrested, and a committee, consisting of Revd Messrs. S. Williamson, D.D. C. Johnston, and Mr John F. Phifer, was appointed to carry the examination through to completion.

Report of auditing com.

The committee, appointed to audit the accounts of Revd D. A. Penick, agent for the cause of Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee, appointed to audit the accounts of Daniel A. Penick, agent for Foreign Missions in the Presbytery of Concord, report

That they have examined his accounts commencing with March 1845, and ending March 1849; During which time our Agent received - - - - - - - - - - $1644.01½
Vouchers amounting to - - - - - - - - - - 1501.44½
leaving in his hands - - - - - - - - - - $142.57 cts.

Jas E. Morrison
J. F. Phifer } Com.

Ordered, that Revd D. A Penick pay over the money in his hands to Revd C. Johnston, present Agent for Foreign Missions in the Presbytery of Concord.

Members appeared in Presbytery.

The Revs. Messrs Wm S. Morrison, and J. M. H. Adams appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

Report of Treasurer of D. Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions was read. This report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Balance on the Treasurers Book at the time Presbytery became auxiliary to the Assembly's Board is $7.00 which balance the Treasurer is directed to transfer to his account with the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Board.

Report of com. on devotional exercises.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported, which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1st The narrative on the state of religion, and the usual reports from the churches.
2d Psalmody and Reading the Scriptures by Revd H. B. Cunningham.
3d Prayer by Revd Wm A Hall.
4th Address by the Revd R. H. Morrison, D.D.
5th Prayer by the Revd Daniel Worwelle.
6th Doxology and Benediction by the Moderator.
And that these exercises commence at ½ o'clock Friday morning.

and that the Sermon on Popery be preached on the same day at 2 o'clock P.M.

Election of Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly

It was resolved that Presbytery now proceed to the election of Commissioners to the next General Assembly to convene in the City of Pittsburg, Pa. on Thursday May 19th 1842: whereupon Revd Messrs. John McMillan, and E.F. Rockwell, were appointed Principals, and R.H. Lafferty, and A. Baker, were appointed their Alternates, together with Ruling Elders E.J. Erwin, and John F. Kiger, Principals, and Wm S. Harris, and R.J. McDowell, Alternates.

Reference from Pleasant Hill sessions.

A reference from the session of Pleasant Hill church, an Appeal from a decision of the session of Ramah church, an Appeal from a decision of the session of Poplar Tent, and Papers in relation to difficulties existing between Mr Thos A. Bell and the session of Bethany church, were laid before Presbytery. It was resolved that all these papers be referred to the judicial committee.

Time and place of next meeting.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in the church of Poplar Tent, Cabarrus County N.C. on Wednesday before the last Sabbath in Oct. (being Oct 26th 1842) at 11 o'clock A.M.

Report of members to supply vacant churches.

The Members who had been appointed to supply vacant churches being called upon reported that they had attended to the duties assigned them.

Stated Clerks bill.

The Stated Clerk presented his bill for postage and paper for the use of Presbytery during the past year, amounting to $1.66 cts. The Treasurer was ordered to pay to the Stated Clerk the above amount.

Report of the examining com.

The committee that was appointed to complete the examination of Messrs. Rowe and Erwin, candidates for the ministry reported, recommending that the examination on the Latin and Greek languages, together with natural and moral science including the whole of their literary course, be approved and sustained. This report was adopted.

Resolution repealed. See page 16.

It was on motion

Resolved. That the rule binding each member of Presbytery to pay One Dollar to the contingent fund of Presbytery at each Spring meeting, be, and it hereby is repealed.

It was Resolved. That each standing member pay 50 cts. at the present sessions of Presbytery.

Corresponding members.

The Revd Mr. Millan, a member of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Com. on Parochial schools not prepared to report.

The committee on Parochial Schools being called upon for their report, stated that they were not prepared to present a report at this time on this subject. They were ordered to present their report at the next regular meeting.

Resolution for erection for the establishment of an Academical school.

The Revd E.F. Rockwell presented the following resolutions, viz: Resolved. That the Presbytery take means to establish an Academical School of a high order for boys under the care of this Presbytery. After some discussion this whole matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revd Messrs E.F. Rockwell, J.M. Wilson, H.N. Sharp, and Messrs Thos. Allison, and J.H. McMorris.

Com. report on Synodical records.

The committees on Sessional Records reported, which reports were accepted and adopted.

Report of the Judicial com. on the reference from Pleasant Hill session.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the reference from the Session of the Church of Pleasant Hill, which was accepted, and adopted and is as follows viz:

A Reference from the Session of Pleasant Hill church, in the case of Mrs Mary J. Mason on trial for having married her deceased Sisters Husband, having been placed in the hands of the Judicial committee: said committee report as follows

In the opinion of the committee, this is a case the decision of which will establish no new principles or precedents, that the action of Presbytery touching the crime involved has been uniform, and is well known to our churches; that the reasons assigned by the session of the church of Pleasant Hill are not sufficient to justify their declining judgment in a plain matter; and that to take up and issue references of this kind without peculiar and important reasons might unnecessarily increase the business of Presbytery, by encouraging sessions to send up all such cases for judgment.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the Reference be returned to the session with the advice of Presbytery, that said Session decide the case according to the Confession of Faith, and Discipline of our Church.

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Report of the judicial com. on the Appeal of Mr Atwell

The same Committee presented their report on the Appeal of Mr Joseph Atwell from the decision of the session of Poplar Tent suspending him from the privileges of the church. This report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee recommend that Presbytery entertain the Appeal of Mr Joseph Atwell from the decision of the session of Poplar Tent, and that the case be taken up and tried in the following order; viz:

1st. Read the sentence appealed from.
2d. Read the reasons assigned for the appeal.
3d. Read the Records of the session touching the case.
4th Hear the parties.
5th. Hear the members of the lower court.
6th. Parties withdraw, and call the roll for remarks.
7th. Final sentence.

Report of the judicial Com on the Appeal of Mr Passenger

The Judicial Committee presented their report on the Appeal of Mr John M. Passenger from a decision of the session of Ramah church by which he was suspended from the privileges of the church; which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee recommend that Presbytery take up, and try the case as follows: viz:

1st. Read the sentence appealed from.
2d. Read the reasons assigned for the appeal.
3d. Read the whole record touching the case.
4th. Hear the parties.
5th. Hear the members of the lower court.
6th. Parties withdraw, and call the roll for remarks.
7th. Final vote.

Rev E. D. Rockwell appointed to assist Mr Atwell

Mr Joseph Atwell requested that Rev. E. D. Rockwell be appointed to assist him in conducting his appeal. This request was granted. Rev E. D. Rockwell stated that they were not ready for trial.

Appeal of Mr Passenger taken up.

It was resolved, that the Appeal of Mr John M. Passenger from the decision of the session of Ramah church be now taken up. The Appellant requested that the Rev H. B. Cunningham be appointed to conduct his appeal. This request was granted.

The Moderator then solemnly announced from the chair that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business

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Appeal of Mr Passenger.

assigned for trial, and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty, in which they were about to act.

The sentence appealed from was then read.

The reasons for appealing were also read.

The Records of the session of Ramah church were then read as testimony in the case.

Presbytery heard the Appellant in behalf of his appeal.

The session were heard in justification of their decision.

Both parties having been heard to their entire satisfaction withdrew from the house.

The roll was called that each member of the court might have an opportunity of expressing his views and opinion in relation to the case. It was then

Appeal remitted for a new trial.

Resolved To remit the whole case to the session for a new trial.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Appeal of Mr Atwell.

Presbytery met. It was resolved that Presbytery now take up the Appeal of Mr Joseph Atwell from the decision of the session of Poplar Tent.

The Moderator then reminded the Presbytery that they were about to proceed to the consideration of a judicial case, and that they were about to sit as a court of Jesus Christ, and enjoined upon the members to recollect and regard their high character as judges in this court.

The sentence appealed from was read.

The reasons which were assigned by the appellant for his appeal, and which are on record, were read.

The whole record of the proceedings of the session of Poplar Tent in the case, all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision were read. The prosecution of this case was here arrested for the present, and Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Concord Church. April 6th 1842.

Friday. April 6th 1842.

8 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The roll was called. Members present, as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Treasurer on Education reported.

Rev. D. A. Penick Treasurer for the cause of Education, presented his report, which being read, was ~~accepted~~ and approved.

It was resolved. That Presbytery will sustain its theological Students in the Seminary while pursuing their studies there.

A member appears in Bar.

Rev. J. H. Freeman appeared in Presbytery, and rendered his reasons for his late removal. These reasons were sustained, and he took his seat. He also assigned reasons for his absence from the adjourned meeting held at Davidson College. These reasons were sustained.

The acceptance of the call from Phila declined.

Rev. J. H. Freeman being called on to give an answer whether or not he would accept of the call from Philadelphia congregation, which had been placed in his hands for consideration at a previous meeting declined to accept of it. It was then ordered that the call be returned to the congregation of Philadelphia.

Rev. W. L. Pharr permitted to hold the Ramah call until next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. W. L. Pharr was at his own request permitted to retain in his hands the call from Ramah congregation until the next meeting of Presbytery.

On motion. the order of the day was postponed until 11 o'clock. and the unfinished business of last evening was taken up. viz: the appeal of Mr. Joseph Atwell.

Atwell case resumed.

The Moderator again solemnly charged the Presbytery to remember their high character as a court of Jesus Christ.

The Appellant was then heard in his defence.

The Defence was then heard in reply, and on justification of their sentence and judgment.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

An Elder of Thyatira in Bar.

Presbytery met. Mr. James Montgomery, Ruling Elder from the church of New Union appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The name of a church changed.

It was on motion. Resolved. That the name of New Union church be changed into that of Fifth Creek.

Petition for the organization of a church.

A petition was presented, signed by 41 persons, praying for the organization of a church at Shiloh. This was placed on the docket.

Concord Church. April 6th 1842.

Com. on leave of absence Atwell case resumed.

Rev. Messrs C. Johnston, and R. H. Lafferty, were appointed a committee on leave of absence.

The unfinished business was then taken up; viz: the appeal of Mr. Atwell. The parties withdrew from the house.

The roll was called, giving to each member of Presbytery an opportunity of expressing his opinion in the case.

Mr. Thos. H. Hamilton was at his own request excused from voting. The vote was then taken for sustaining or not sustaining the Appeal, and is as follows; viz:

Sustained 12
Not sustained 21
Sustained in part 2.
Non liquet 1.
Excused 4.

Rev. Messrs C. Johnston, D. A. Penick, and Mr. R. White, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in this case.

Presbytery took a recess of five minutes to meet in the church to attend to the preaching of the Sermon on Popery.

Popery sermon preached.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Sermon on Popery was preached by the Rev. A. Baker from the text II. Thess. II. 7. 8. "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming".

The Treasurer of Presbytery was instructed to pay to our commissioners to the General Assembly the amount of commissioners fund now in his hands.

Com. on obituary notices continued.

The committee that had been appointed at the adjourned meeting in Salisbury to prepare brief obituary notices of deceased members of this Presbytery, and enter them in a book to be kept for that purpose, was continued, and referred to the minutes of Presbytery (See pages 221 223) for instruction, as to the duty that is to be discharged.

Free conversation with the subject of religion.

Presbytery entered upon the free conversation on the state of religion in our several churches, and having made some progress in this narrative, it took a recess until 7 o'clock P.M. to meet in the Academy.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The unfinished business viz: the free conversation on the state of religion; was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Dismissions granted.

The Chairman of the committee on leave of absence reported that the committee had given leave of absence to Revs. Messrs S. Frontis, S. Williamson D.D. and Messrs John M. Lawrence, A.W. Cowan, and John P. McNeely.

Com. on the narrative.

The Revs. Messrs J.E. Morrison and S.C. Thacker were appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds for the General Assembly.

Report of the judicial com. on the Bell case.

The Judicial Committee presented their report on the papers which had been placed in their hands in relation to difficulties existing between Mr. Thos. A. Bell and the Session of Bethany church. This report was read, accepted, and adopted article by article, and is as follows viz:

A Petition of Mr. Thos. A. Bell of Bethany church in reference to the difficulties between himself and his late wife Mrs. Nancy C. Bell, and sundry other papers and the minutes of the Session of Bethany church in reference to this case having been referred to the judicial committee, after a careful perusal of said papers the committee report as follows.

This is a case which has twice before been referred to Presbytery and in both instances sent back to the session of the church because essentially informal. Our Book of Discipline requires that a Reference from a session to Presbytery shall contain a specific charge tabled in due form, and the testimony of witnesses, properly taken, to sustain the accusation. In the Records of the session of Bethany church we find no regular charges tabled against either of the parties, except the statement of the fact of their not having lived together. The testimony which does appear in the minutes is confined chiefly to the statements of the parties themselves, or of their friends. As a result of this vague and informal action of the session the case of Mr. Thos. A. Bell is a peculiar and trying one. He complains that he is virtually suspended from the privileges of the church, and

his office of Ruling Elder, without any regular trial or opportunity of defence. ✓

As the measures, adopted by Presbytery at its last stated sessions to reconcile the parties, failed, and as one of them has been recently removed by death, the committee recommend to Presbytery to dispose of the whole case by adopting the following resolutions:

1. That the session of Bethany church be advised that if they have any charges against the christian character of Mr. Thos. A. Bell to make them out in due form, and proceed to his trial according to the discipline of our church.

2. That it be solemnly recommended to said session, that if they find no such ground of charge, that they recognize his standing as regular in the church, and the office of Ruling Elder.

3. Resolved. That in the estimation of Presbytery, any thing, which appears in the Minutes of the session up to this time or in the papers laid before it, should not destroy Mr. Bells regular connexion with the church.

4. Resolved. That in view of recent dispensations of Divine Providence and the peace and prosperity of the church, all the parties concerned be affectionately admonished to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness, and mutual forbearance and brotherly love.

(Signed) R.H. Morrison, Chairman of com.

The stated clerk was ordered to send a copy of the above report to the session of Bethany church, and said session was ordered to record it in their Session Book.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on supplies, and missionary labours presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows viz:

1st That Revs. Messrs H.A. Thacker, H.W. Thacker, and Thos. E. Davis spend each two Sabbaths in the counties of Wilkes and Caldwell.

2d That Rev. E.F. Rockwell spend one Sabbath in Surry, and one Sabbath at Fifth creek church, and that Mr. J.H. Hilton, a Licentiate under the care of Orange Presbytery, now labouring within our bounds, be invited to spend the same number of Sabbaths at the same places.

3d That the Revs. Messrs R.H. Lafferty and A.L. Watts spend two Sabbaths in Anson and Union counties.

4th That Revs. Messrs. S. Murray and J. D. Hall spend two sabbaths in Cleaveland and Rutherford.

5th That Revs. S. C. Thare spend four sabbaths in Macon, Cherokee, and Haywood, and that Mr. J. H. Dalton be invited to spend four sabbaths in the same counties.

6th That Revs. Messrs. D. A. Penick, S. Williamson, D. D. and G. M. Gibbs spend two sabbaths in Mitchell and Yancey.

7th That Revs. Messrs R. H. Morrison, D. D. and C. Johnston spend two sabbaths in Buncombe and Henderson.

That Revs. Messrs S. Frontis and S. Williamson, D. D. administer the Lords supper at Centre.

That Revs. Messrs J. E. Morrison and W. A. Hall administer the Lord's supper at Prospect.

That the Revs J. H. Freeman and J. D. Hall administer the Lords supper at Olney.

That Revs. Messrs J. M. H. Adams and J. M. Wilson administer the Lords supper at Rutherfordton.

That Revs. Messrs J. D. Hall and S. Murray administer the Lords supper at Little Britain.

That Revs. Messrs. A. Baker and H. A. Thare administer the Lords supper at Third Creek.

That Revs. Messrs W. K. Morrison and J. M. Gibbs administer the Lords supper at Troutville.

Supplies for the pulpits of commissioners to Gen. Assembly.

The following appointments were made for supplying the pulpits of our Commissioners while absent attending the meeting of the General Assembly. For supplying Rev. E. J. Rockwell's pulpit.
1st Sabbath in May Mr. J. H. Dalton was invited to preach in Statesville.
2d Sabbath in May Rev. W. A. Hall at Shiloh.
4th Sabbath in May Rev. J. E. Harris in Statesville.
1st Sabbath in June Rev. A. Baker in Statesville.

For supplying Rev. J. M. Wilsons pulpit.
Rev. S. Murray 1st Sabbath in May at Morganton.
Rev. G. M. Gibbs 3d sabbath in May at Troutville.
Rev. C. Johnston 4th sabbath in May at Morganton.
Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. 1st Sabbath in June at Morganton.

A paper was presented by the Rev. D. A. Penick relative to certain prevailing vices. This subject was referred to a

special committee consisting of Revs. Messrs D. A. Penick and R. H. Lafferty, to report on to morrow.

Leave of absence asked.

Rev. J. M. Wilson asked of Presbytery leave of absence after the session of this evening. The Moderator decided that this request could not come before Presbytery, as Presbytery had a committee on leave of absence. Rev. J. M. Wilson appealed from the decision of the Moderator to the Presbytery. His appeal was sustained. He then asked for leave of absence, which was granted.

Appeal from the decision of the Moderator.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. A. Baker also obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, April 7th 1842
8 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called. Members present as on yesterday, except those who had obtained leave of absence, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham who was absent without leave. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Members absent without leave.

The committee on leave of absence asked, through its chairman, to be discharged. This request was granted.

Com. on leave of absence discharged.

The Petition, signed by a number of persons praying for the organization of a church to be called Shiloh, which had been laid before Presbytery, and placed on the docket, was taken up, and after some discussion it was laid on the table until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Petition for the organization of a church taken up.

The special committee, to which a paper had been referred in relation to certain prevailing vices, presented their report, which was read, accepted, and adopted article by article, and is as follows:

Report of the com. on certain prevailing vices.

Whereas it is believed that certain vices of dangerous tendency are gaining fearful prevalency among our people: Therefore
Resolved 1st That in the solemn judgment of this Presbytery, the practices of social dancing, whether on public or private occasions, of card-playing, though it may be for mere amusement, and of travelling, or driving to or from market on the Sabbath, are practices

of decided unchristian character, and to be regarded as vices of demoralizing and dangerous tendency. ✓

2d. That the pastors and sessions of our churches be enjoined to exercise special vigilance, and to use all prudent and scriptural means, to counteract, and prevent said evil practices.

3d. That the pastors and sessions be further enjoined faithfully to administer the discipline of the church in all cases in which heads of families permit such dancing and card-playing in their houses, or permit their children to indulge in any of the foregoing evil practices, and in all cases in which members of the church participate in, or encourage them.

Ordered that the foregoing Resolutions be published in the Presbyterian, Watchman and Observer, and the Carolina Watchman, and that they be publicly read by the Pastors and Stated Supplies in their respective Churches.

Report of com. on the Stovall case. Judgment of Pby

The committee, appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case of the appeal of Mr Joseph Stovall, presented their report which was read, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows.

The committee, appointed to prepare a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in the case of the appeal of Mr Joseph Stovall from a decision of the session of the church of Poplar Tent, submit the following. After having given this case a patient hearing, it is the judgment of Presbytery that the appeal be not sustained - but that the judgment of the lower court be affirmed, upon the ground of sufficient evidence in the first specification; although the second specification was not sustained before the session.

Resignation of Revs J. M. H. Adams and appointment of Rev. K. H. Morrison on Dom. Missions

The Revd J. M. H. Adams tendered his resignation as a member of the executive committee of Domestic Missions. His resignation was accepted, and the Revd K. H. Morrison, D.D. was appointed in his place.

Doctrinal Sermon

The Revd J. E. Morrison was appointed Principal, and the Revd J. A. Hall Alternate, to preach the Doctrinal Sermon at the next meeting of Presbytery. Subject. Chap. XVIII. Confession of Faith. "Of the Assurance of Grace and Salvation" -

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Free conversation.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: free conversation on the state of religion in the different

churches, and the report from the sessions, as to the fidelity with which the churches discharge their duty to their pastors. Having heard all the reports on this subject, and having brought the free conversation to a close, Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Devotional exercises.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the Devotional exercises of Presbytery. After attending to these exercises, Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Revs Messrs J. E. Morrison, J. M. H. Adams, Wm. A. Hall, and Mr Wm. M. Seily obtained leave of absence.

Preamble and Resolution in relation to Professor Princeton Sem.

The following Preamble and Resolution were presented for the consideration of Presbytery, which, after some discussion, were, on motion, adopted, and are as follows, viz:

Whereas, we learn from the public papers that our venerable Father, the Revd Dr. Miller is expected to resign his Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Princeton: and whereas the ensuing General Assembly may be called upon to go into the election of a successor; and whereas great danger to the churches may result placing young men, without experience in the pastoral office, in our Theological Seminaries as Professors; therefore

Resolved - That our Commissioners to the General Assembly are hereby instructed to vote for no man to fill the office of Professor in our Theological Seminary, who has not experience in the office of a pastor; and to use their influence to secure the election of a man of experience, to the Professorship.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to place in the hands of our commissioners to the General Assembly a copy of the above preamble and resolution.

Subjects assigned to candidates as parts of trial.

The following subjects were assigned to the candidates for the ministry under our care as parts of trial.

To Mr Moore - For Exegesis - "An sit sanctificatio perfecta in hac vita"

Critical exercise - Luke XVI. 1. - Popular Lecture Luke XIV. 15-24

Popular sermon. John XII. 36.

To Mr Erwin - Exegesis - "An sit ecclesiae caput visibile"

Critical exercise Matt. XVI. 18. - Popular Lecture II. Pet. I. 5, 6.

Popular sermon, Acts XVII. 30.

Concord Church, April 7th 1842.

Instruction to Treasurer of D. Missions

The Treasurer of Domestic Missions was instructed to pay to Rev. J. E. McPherson a half years salary amounting to $50.00, and the committee of Domestic Missions was instructed to procure for him at the expiration of that time a commission from the General Assembly's Board of Domestic Missions.

Vote of thanks

It was Resolved- That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the members of this Congregation, and the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness, and hospitality to the members of this body during their present sessions, and that this be made public by the Pastor on to-morrow.

Question for advice

The following question was asked for advice: viz: Shall parents who refuse to come under vows publicly before the congregation be permitted to have the ordinance of baptism administered to their children? This question was laid on the table, and its consideration postponed until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Pres. adjourn

Presbytery then adjourned, after the reading of the minutes of to day, to meet in the church of Poplar Tent, Cabarrus County, N.C. on Wednesday before the last Sabbath in Oct. (Oct 26th 1842) at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

W. S. Sharp, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Absentees

N. B.- The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. Messrs. A. S. Watts, A. Sindley, Mod. T. Johnston, S. B. C. Wilson, Geo. M. Gibbs.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham withdrew from Presbytery to return home without the consent of Presbytery.

Narrative to the Gen. Assembly.

A Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of Concord Presbytery prepared for the General Assembly, and forwarded to that body.

The Presbytery of Concord, in presenting to the General Assembly a narrative on the state of religion in its bounds, finds cause for gratitude, and also for humiliation and sorrow. The truth is preached to numerous and attentive hearers. There is an increased attention to the instruction of the young in the catechisms and doctrines of our church. The coloured population are more generally instructed than in years past most of our pastors devote a part of their labours to this unfortunate class. Private members of the church manifest a laudable zeal in imparting instruction to them. Sabbath schools are well sustained in nearly all of our churches during the pleasant season of the year, being suspended during the winter months. The Boards of the church are patronized, and christians now give, more from principle than from the impulse of special appeals. Amidst a general dearth of spiritual influences we would record with gratitude that God has visited one pastoral charge with the special reviving influences of the Holy Spirit. To the united churches of Concord and Salem there were added during the past year 41 members. In one or two other churches there have been encouraging additions.

On the other hand, we have to mourn over the absence of the converting influences of the Spirit from so many of our churches. The want of that active piety which leads members of the church to engage in personal efforts to lead sinners to repentance, and to wrestle with God in earnest importunate prayer for the salvation of men. In some portions of our church professors of religion countenance and even participate in the vain and fashionable amusements of the world. The Sabbath that used to be regarded so sacredly by our Fathers, is in too many instances desecrated. We have reason to fear that intemperance is increasing in some portions of our bounds. The influence of the ministry is much crippled among us by an inadequate support. Few of the pastors of our churches receive that worldly support which enables them to devote all their energies to the furtherance of the Gospel.

(Signed)

Concord Church N.C.
April 7th 1842

W. S. Sharp, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly con. Two Licentiates, and Three Candidates viz:

for the year closing with April 1st 1842.

sist of Twenty Nine Ministers, and have under their care Fifty Six Churches,

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office Addresses.	Communicants. Added on examination.	Added on cert.	Dismissed	Total com.	Baptisms. Adults.	Infants.	A.M.	Foreign Mission	Education	Publication	Theological Sem.	Contingent Fund.	Miscellaneous.
Rev. Miller S. Thorn. S.	Mallard creek, S. Hannah S.S.	Mill Grove, N.C.	20	5		269	6	15	14	31	5			5.50	.50	
" R.H. Morrison, D.D.	Unity (Lincoln) S.S.	Cottage Home N.C.	2	1	4	60		4	33	38				5.00	.50	38
" S. Williamson, D.D. S. Bu	Davidson College church.	Davidson College N.C.	2	2	8	22		1	7	20	82			5.00	.50	66
" S. Frontis, S.S.	Thyatira and Franklin.	Salisbury, N.C.	4	3	40	160	1	6						6.00	.50	
" C. Johnston, S.	Charlotte. S.	Charlotte N.C.	3	3	4	58		5	61	43	12			4.00	.50	26
" H.S. Thorn S.	Concord S. Salem and Smyrna S.S.	Statesville, N.C.	38	2		301	6	11	10	16	15			5.00	.50	
" D.A Pinnick. S.	Rocky River S.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	7	10	131	485	1	31	35	85				7.50	.50	
" J. De Ray Davis, Suspended.	Prospect S.	Deep Well, N.C.				260										
" W.L. Hall. S.	Joppa and Unity (Rowan)	Mocksville, N.C.	6	3	25	149	3	3		19	9			4.50		
" A.L. Watts. S.	Steel Creek and Pleasant Hill. S.	White Hall, N.C.	20		48	221	7	53		14				7.50		
" D. Lindley. P.M.	Brasilla and Burnsville, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa.														
" Thos S. Johnston. P.M.		Smyrna, Asia Minor.														
" J.M.H. Adams. S.S.	Asheville. S.S.	Asheville, N.C.													.50	
" J.E. Morrison. P.	Concord Town S.	Concord, N.C.	4		6	81		10						2.50	.50	60
" J.L. Hall. S.S.	Goshen and New Hope. S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.	20			208	6	27						4.50		
" S.B.C. Wilson. Prof.	Duncans Creek. V.	Davidson College, N.C.				36										
" J.R. Wilson. P.	Morganton. S.	Morganton, N.C.	9			55	3	3	14					4.00	.50	100
" W.S. Morrison. S.S.	Rhein's Creek and Savannah S.S.	Savannah, N.C.				66										
" J.W. Freeman. S.S.	Philadelphia and Union. S.S.	Charlotte, N.C.				150								4.00	.50	
" S. Murray. S.S.	Lincolnton and Long Creek. S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.				50								5.50		
" W.B. Cunningham. S.	Hopewell and Iron Creek. S.	Alexandriana, N.C.	30	8	44	350	3	30	19	5	20			7.00	.50	100
" A. Baker. S.	Salisbury. S.	Salisbury, N.C.	5	1	15	100	1	6	20	25	10			6.00	.50	
" E.J. Rockwell. S.	Fourth Creek. S.	Statesville, N.C.	4			40	1	13	10	10	20			4.00	.50	
" J.E. McPherson. S.S.	Ebenezer and Hiwassee. S.S.	Franklin, N.C.	1		5	70		2							.50	
" W.W. Thorn S.	Poplar Tent and Bethpage. S.	Mill Grove, N.C.	28	13	50	290	8	13	46	19	5			7.50	.50	40
" G.A. Gibbs. S.S.	Siloam and Marion. S.S.	Marion, N.C.														
" Thos E. Davis. P.	Back Creek and Bethesda. S.	Mount Ulla, N.C.	13	10	24	154		7	3	11	2			5.46	.50	
" Rob't Lafferty. S.	Sugar Creek. S.	Charlotte, N.C.	9	3	44	214	3	28	18	63	13			6.00	.50	13
" S.C. Thorn S. — 29	Providence and Sharon. S.	Sharon, N.C.	7		35	180	2	2	36	54				7.00	1.00	5
Licentiates 2	Centre V. and Bethel, V.					100								2.00		
C.A. McNeely.	Bethany and Tabor V.					150								6.00		
Thaddeus C. Crawford.	Third Creek. V.		8	5	69	177	2	15						6.00		
Candidates — 3.	Little Britain & Rutherfordton V.					100										
	Lebanon, Olney & Wilkesboro V. — 56					50										
			240	61	551	4596	53	288	326	440	193			122.00	10.00	448

The Presbytery of Concord further report, that on the 22d day of April 1848, they installed the Rev. Thos E. Davis, Pastor of the congregation of Bethesda, and on the 6th of May 1848, they installed him Pastor of the congregation of Back Creek; that on the 20th of May 1848, they ordained Mr. Samuel E. Shaw to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and installed him Pastor of the congregations of Providence and Sharon; that on the 8th of June 1848 they Suspended the Rev. J. DeKay Davies from the exercise of the functions of the gospel Ministry; that on the 24th of June 1848, they lost, by death, the Rev. John S. McCatchan; that on the 25th of July 1848, they installed the Rev. A. Baker, Pastor of the congregation of Salisbury; that on the 13th of Dec. 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. M. H. Adams, and the Congregation of Third creek, and declared said church to be vacant; that on the 4th of April 1849, they dismissed Mr. R. E. Sherrill, a licentiate under our care, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. W. D. Savage, a licentiate, with a view to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel; and that on the 6th day of April 1848 they changed the name of the church New Union, to that of Fifth Creek.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Concord Church, Iredell Co. N.C. April 7th 1849. } R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk

Bethel Church, Mecklenburg Co. N.C. Wednesday July 11th 1849. 11 o'clock A.M.

pro re nata meeting

The Presbytery of Concord met at the call of the Moderator Rev. W. S. Sharp, a *pro re nata* meeting, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Members present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Sharp	
" R. H. Morrison D.D.	Messrs R. J. McDowell,
" S. Williamson D.D.	Dan Alexander,
" C. Johnston	A. Graham,
" A. L. Watts	J. B. Knox,
" J. D. Hall	
" J. M. Wilson	
" H. B. Cunningham	A. B. Davidson,
" A. Baker	

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Ministers	Ruling Elders	
Rev. E. F. Rockwell,	Messrs. Thos H. McCorkle,	
" G. M. Gibbs,		
" S. C. Sharp		
	Sandy McKinley	Rocky River Church.
	Matthew McCall.	Philadelphia Church.
	D. A. Caldwell.	Bethel Church.
	H. M. Grey.	
	Wm S. Harris.	Poplar Tent Church.
	Dr. D. D. Caldwell,	Sugar Creek.

The Clerks being absent, the Rev. Cyrus Johnston was appointed clerk pro tem.—

Letter from Rev. E. Franklin.

A letter from the Rev. E. Franklin was received, and read, assigning reasons for his absence. These reasons were sustained.

The following is a copy of the letter calling this meeting, which the Moderator read when he constituted the meeting; viz:

Letter calling this meeting.

Charlotte N.C. June 19th 1849

"To the Rev. Moderator of the Presbytery of Concord:

"Dear Sir:

"A rumour, charging impropriety of conduct "upon a member of this Presbytery, and most seriously affecting "the honour of religion, is rapidly spreading abroad in com- "munity. The charge is admitted by the offending member, "and, at his request, you are respectfully urged to call a pro re "nata meeting of the Presbytery of Concord as early as the con- "stitution will admit, and give judgment in the case.

Your Brethren in the Gospel

James F. W. Freeman.
A. L. Watts.
A. Graham.
D. D. Caldwell.
Samuel C. Shaw.
Cyrus Johnston.

Charge brought against Rev. J. F. W. Freeman.

With a view of obtaining information, a paper purporting to be a charge of Joseph McCombs, in behalf of Elizabeth C. Stafford, against the Rev. James F. W. Freeman of improper liberties with her; and also stating the fact that he, the said

Bethel Church, Wednesday, July 11th 1849.

Freeman will make no defence against the charge, and signed by James F. W. Freeman, and Joseph McCombs, in the presence of A. Graham the subscribing witness, was read, and laid on the table. ✓

Letters rec'd from J.F.W. Freeman.

Presbytery received, and read two letters from the Rev. James F. W. Freeman, both bearing date of July 7th 1849: in one of which he acknowledges that he was duly cited to attend this meeting - speaks of, and acknowledges the above mentioned paper witnessed by A. Graham - waives all constitutional formalities - and requests Presbytery to appoint some one to manage his case, and wishes a speedy decision: - And in the other he states the reasons why he "came to the conclusion to make no defence, but to leave my Against Witnesses "accusers to make out their charge against me and present it, "and let Presbytery judge and decide the matter between us without "litigation;" - in which he also says, "I have sinned, and brought "reproach upon the religion of Jesus which I thought I loved "sincerely;" - and in which he casts himself as an humble confessing penitent upon the mercy of Presbytery, as "by the confession of our "sins, and the forsaking of them only can we hope to obtain mercy."

The Rev. J. A. Hall obtained leave of absence.

Resolution to take up the case

After the reading of these papers and letters, it was on motion Resolved to take up the case of the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman, at his own request, and to issue the same.

The Moderator solemnly reminded Presbytery that they were now about to sit as a court of the Lord Jesus Christ, and of their solemn duty as such.

In compliance with the written request of Mr. Freeman the Rev. J. M. Wilson, and Mr. R. L. McDowell, were appointed to manage his case in his absence.

Papers relating to this case put into the hands of a com.

On motion Resolved - That the Rev. Messrs. S. Williamson, A. A. E. F. Rockwell, and Mr. A. Graham, be appointed a committee, to whom all the papers and letters giving information in the case be submitted, and that they report upon the same.

Presbytery took a recess of One hour.

After recess the Moderator called Presbytery to order, and they proceeded to business.

The committee, to whom were referred the papers and letters giving information in the case, submitted their report, which

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being read and accepted, was considered, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee, appointed to consider and report upon the case of the Rev. James F. W. Freeman, report, that they have considered the following papers, viz:

1st. A paper purporting to be a charge of improper liberties, which said Freeman had taken with Miss Elizabeth C. Stafford - against which charge the said Freeman makes no defence - and signed by James F. W. Freeman, and Joseph McCombs, in the presence of A. Graham.

2d. The Petition calling this meeting, and signed by James F. W. Freeman, acknowledging the charge, and asking Presbytery to give judgment in the case. And -

3d. Two letters from Freeman this day received, acknowledging his sin in the case, and consenting to final action at this meeting, and without the formality of a regular trial, and asking Presbytery to appoint some one to manage the case for him.

Having considered the facts stated in these papers, and admitted, it is most manifest that the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman is liable to the charge, and he is hereby charged with taking improper liberties with Miss E. C. Stafford, and that he is guilty, by intention and attempt, of the crime of seduction and unclean vows.

It is further most distinctly stated, that the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman makes no defence against the charge thus brought against him; and waiving the formalities of a regular trial, he asks Presbytery to give judgment in the case at this meeting.

S. Williamson
E. F. Rockwell } Com.
A. Graham.

Corresponding member.

The Rev. A. H. Caldwell, a member of the Presbytery of Chickasaw, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Decision had in the case.

By the adoption of the above report, a charge is called against the Rev. J. F. W. Freeman, and acknowledged in several papers over his signature. The members appointed at his request to conduct his case were then heard.

The roll was then called, and the members had an opportunity to express their views. After which

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Rev. J. W. Freeman deposed.

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev. James J. W. Freeman be, and he hereby is, deposed from the office of the Gospel Ministry and suspended from the sealing ordinances of the church.

The Counsel for the accused stated their acquiesence in the judgment of Presbytery, and that they would take no appeal in behalf of Mr Freeman in the case.

Presbytery, having finished the business for which this meeting was called, adjourned.

Concluded with prayer.

W. S. Sharr, Modr.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

absentees. N. B.— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence viz: Rev. Messrs. W. S. Sharr, D. A. Penick, Wm. A. Hall, L. Smiley, Thos. J. Johnston, J. M. H. Adams, J. E. Morrison, S. B. C. Wilson, W. S. Morrison, S. Murray, J. E. McSherron, W. W. Sharr, Thos E. Davis, and R. H. Lafferty.

Examined & approved Steubenville for Hillsboro Nov. 2nd 1849.

John A. Gutler
Moderator.

Poplar-Tent Church,
Cabarrus County N. C.
Wednesday, Oct 24th 1849
11 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. Sharr, from II. Cor. X. 4. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds. Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Sharr	
" R. H. Morrison, D. D.	
" S. Tomlin	Messrs. James B. Gibson,
" C. Johnston	R. C. Carson,
" W. N. Sharr	J. B. Thomas,
" Wm. A. Hall	Daniel Culbertson,
" J. M. H. Adams	
" J. E. Morrison	J. M. Miller
" J. L. Hall	Thos. H. Gingles,
" H. B. Cunningham	Silas Todd,
" A. Baker	
" E. J. Rockwell	
" W. W. Sharr	Wm. Fleming,
" Thos E. Davis	Geo. Robinson,
" R. H. Lafferty	John Howie, Sr.
" S. C. Sharr	
	Alex. McClarty, Rocky River ch.
	John H. McDowell, Steel-Creek ch.
	Wm. C. Johnston, Prospect ch.

The following preamble and Resolution were adopted by Presbytery, Whereas the sentence, against the Rev. J. S. Ray Davies, of suspension from the functions of the Gospel Ministry having been removed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States, Therefore

Resolved — That He be now recognized as in ~~full and~~ regular standing in this Presbytery.

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election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. A. Baker for Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. J. E. Morrison and S. C. Shaw for temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of forty five minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Moderator elect was inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

appearance of Elders.

The following Elders appeared, and took their seats in Presbytery as members, viz: Wm. Irwin, from the church of Little Britain, and John McFarland, from the church of Duncans Creek.

Minutes of last meeting read.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting, and the pro re nata meeting, were read, corrected, and approved, and absentees called on, and excused.

Com. to correspond with Rev. R. Lindley, reports.

The Committee that had been appointed at our last meeting to correspond with Rev. R. Lindley, a member of this Presbytery, but for several years a missionary at Fort Vittel, S. Africa, reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, but had not yet received an answer.

Letter from A. E. McNeely.

A letter was received and read from Mr. A. E. McNeely, a licentiate under our care, giving an account of his labours while absent from our bounds, in Ala.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz: On Devotional Exercises, Rev. W. W. Pharr and Mr. J. H. Miller. On Supplies, Rev. Messrs. E. P. Rockwell, Thos. E. Davis, and Mr. Wm. C. Johnston. On Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. Messrs. S. Bronlee, C. Johnston, and Messrs. R. C. Carson, and J. B. Thomas.

Judicial Committee: Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D. J. M. H. Adams, Messrs. J. B. Gibson, and Wm. Heming.

Narrative, Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, Wm. A. Hall, and Mr. Daniel Culbertson.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hand in narratives on the state of religion.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

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9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

A letter was received from the Rev. A. L. Watts assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from this meeting of Presbytery, and also from previous meetings.

Mr. S. H. Dalton was received, as a licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery, from the Presbytery of Orange.

Mr. E. G. Walker, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Charleston, S. C. presented a letter of dismission from said Presbytery, and was received under our care.

The congregation of Bethany presented a Call for one half of the Pastoral services of Mr. S. H. Dalton, which was read, and being found in order, was placed in his hands.

Calls from the united congregations of Drusilla, Duncans Creek, and Little Britain, were presented for the pastoral services of Mr. E. G. Walker, and being found in order, were placed in his hands.

Rev. G. M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat. He also assigned reasons for his absence from the last meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained.

A letter was received from Rev. J. M. Wilson assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained, as satisfactory.

A letter was received from Rev. J. E. McPherson assigning reasons for his absence from this meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained.

Mr. Thos. H. Hamilton, a Ruling Elder from Ramah Church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

An invitation was given to Presbytery by the session of Charlotte church to hold its next regular meeting in that place. This invitation was laid on the table for the present, to be taken up when Presbytery proceeds to consider the place of its next meeting.

A paper from Steel-Creek Session asking advice in reference to a case of the marriage of a deceased wife's

sister was read, and ordered to be put into the hands of the judicial Committee. ✓

Order of the day.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the handing in the narratives on the state of religion in the different Churches, Presbytery attended to this business.

Elder offers in Mr. Holmes, Elder from Tabor

Mr. Nathaniel Holmes, Elder from Tabor church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

A call was presented from the congregation of Tabor for one half of the Pastoral services of Mr. P. H. Dalton, and being found in order, it was placed in his hands for consideration.

Appeal of Mr. Basinger

Mr. J. M. Basinger presented an Appeal from the decision of the Session of Ramah Church suspending him from the privileges of the church. This appeal was referred to the judicial Committee.

It was on motion

Meeting of Pres. Charlotte

Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the Presbyterian church in the town of Charlotte N. C. on Wednesday April 10th 1850 at 7 o'clock P. M.

Appearance of an Elder

Mr. J. McCombs, Ruling Elder in the church of Philadelphia appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Rev. J. C. Crawford dismissed to Cherokee Pres.

Mr. J. C. Crawford, a Licentiate under our care, was dismissed, at his own request with a view to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee, Ga., and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Rev. W. S. Thaxe committed bill to Sol. Wood from Ramah

Rev. W. S. Thaxe who has for some time been holding a call presented by the congregation of Ramah for one half of his pastoral services, was called on to answer whether he was prepared to accept the call; and not being prepared to give a decided answer he had leave to retain it still in his hands until his mind shall be made up.

Rev. L. Frontis chairman of com. on Obituary notices.

Rev. L. Frontis was appointed Chairman of the committee to prepare Obituary notices of deceased ministers, and this committee was continued till the next meeting of Presbytery and required to report.

Rev. D. A. Penick appeared in Presbytery, and tendered

satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and also for absence from the "pro re nata" meeting at Bethel church.

Petition to organize Shiloh

A Petition, from certain persons in Iredell Co. in reference to the organizing of a church by the name of Shiloh having been laid before Presbytery at its last meeting, and having been laid over until the present meeting, was taken up, and read; and the prayer of the petitioners was granted. Rev. Messrs. E. P. Rockwell, and W. S. Thaxe were appointed to organize the above church, exercising their own discretion as to the time. The church of Smyrna was on motion dissolved, and the members of it were directed to transfer their membership to the church of Shiloh at its organization.

Smyrna church dissolved.

Rev. W. H. Morrison, D. D. authorized to organize a church in Lincoln Co.

Rev. W. H. Morrison, D. D. was authorized to organize a church in Lincoln county, by the name of Mackpelah when he may see the way open.

Question for advice respecting baptism

A question for advice which was postponed at the last meeting of Presbytery was called up, viz; Shall parents who refuse to come under vows publicly before the congregation be permitted to have the ordinance of Baptism administered to their children? The following Resolution was adopted after ~~after~~ some discussion of the subject.

Answer to the question.

In answer to this question Presbytery judge that when Baptism is administered, the Parents should be required publicly to assent to the obligations laid down in the word of God to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Presbytery took a recess of Forty Five minutes.

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After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. J. H. McDowell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Corresponding member.

Rev. Wm. C. Sutton, a member of the Presbytery of Orange being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Com. con-tinued.

The committee appointed at a previous meeting to report on the expediency of establishing an

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academical school of high order, was continued until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. C. Sutton

Rev. Wm. C. Sutton presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange, with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Concord. He was thereupon examined, and this examination being satisfactory, he was unanimously received as a member of this Presbytery.

Calls accepted by Messrs. Walker and Sutton.

Messrs. E. G. Walker and T. H. Sutton, having signified their acceptance of the Calls placed in their hands, it was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to attend to their examination, with a view to their ordination.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams authorized to organize a church.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams was authorized to organize a church in Asheville when the way is clear.

Mr. Wm. H. Singelltary to preach within our bounds.

Mr. Wm. H. Singeltary, a Licentiate under the care of Harmony Presbytery, S. C. was permitted to labour in our bounds till the next meeting of Presbytery.

Supply for Union Church.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham was appointed to administer the Lords supper at the church of Union.

Popery Sermon.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham was appointed Principal, and Rev. R. H. Lafferty, Alternate, to preach the Sermon on Popery at the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Report of com. on Devotional exercises.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported. Their report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1. Psalmody and prayer by Rev. H. N. Sharp.
2. Reading the Scriptures and address by Rev. Wm. A. Hall.
3. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Lafferty.
4. Psalmody and Benediction by the Moderator.

These exercises to take place tomorrow at 1½ o'clock P. M.

Doctrinal Sermon.

Rev. J. E. Morrison, Principal, and Rev. J. L. Wall, Alternate, having been appointed to preach the Doctrinal Sermon during this meeting, and not being prepared to discharge this duty, were continued till the semi-annual meeting next Fall. Subject of the sermon; Confession of Faith. Chap. XVIII. Assurance of Grace and Salvation.

Report of commissioners to Gen. Assy.

The Commissioners to the General Assembly were called on for their reports, which, being heard, were satisfactory, and the thanks of Presbytery were tendered to them for the honest and faithful manner in which they discharged their duty.

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Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Rev. D. A. Penick were added to the committee to report on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Examination of Messrs. Sutton and Walker.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, viz, the examination of Messrs. Sutton, and Walker, Presbytery proceeded to this business. They were examined, in open Presbytery, on experimental religion, their motives for seeking the ministry, the Hebrew and Greek Languages, Church history, Theology, Philosophy, Natural and Moral. This examination, as far as it was prosecuted, was sustained. It was

Resolution to hold an adjourned meeting at Tabor

Resolved—That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at the church of Tabor on Friday Nov. 30th 1849, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. T. H. Sutton, if the way be clear.

The text assigned Mr. Sutton for his trial sermon preparatory to ordination was 1 John II. 1. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. Rev. H. N. Sharp to preside and preach the sermon, and Rev. S. Frontis his alternate; Rev. E. Rockwell to give the charge to the pastor, and Rev. Wm. A. Hall his alternate; Rev. Thos. E. Davis to give the charge to the congregation, and Rev. A. Baker his alternate.

It was

Resolution to hold an adjourned meeting at Little Britain.

Resolved—That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Little Britain church on Friday Dec. 14th 1849, at 12 o'clock M., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. E. G. Walker, if the way be clear. Rev. J. M. H. Adams to preside, and preach the sermon, Rev. J. M. Wilson to give the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. G. M. Gibbs to give the charge to the people. Alternates, Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D. J. L. Wall, and W. K. Morrison.

Mr. Walker was directed to prepare a sermon, as a part of trial, on the text John III. 16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Report of Judicial com. on the Appeal from Steel Creek.

The Judicial committee presented a Report on the reference from the Session of Steel Creek church asking for advice in a certain case. This report was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

A Paper from the Session of Steel Creek church asking the advice of Presbytery in the case of Mr and Mrs. Suggs having been referred to the Judicial Committe, after due consideration of its contents, said committee Report as follows—

The Marriage of a man to a deceased Wifes Sister is clearly condemned by our Confession of Faith. In two instances this Presbytery has voted with great unanimity to retain this prohibition in our constitution. In various instances the Presbytery has decided cases of appeal in conformity with this article of our Confession of Faith. It would therefore be inconsistent with our Book and uniform practice, to advise a Sesion to receive persons into the church who are guilty of the offence specified. ✓

How far the circumstances connected with such marriages, or the deportment of the persons involved in them may mitigate their criminality or call for the removal of the penalty annexed to the offence are questions which Presbytery should not be expected to answer until fairly and judicially presented for its decision.

It is therefore recommended, that the Case be sent down to the said Session to be decided by them as a competant court.

Report of the com. on Supplies

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on Supplies beg leave to report that they have made the following appointments, viz: That Revs. Messrs C. Johnston, and R. H. Morrison, D.D. supply the church of Lincolnton one Sabbath each, at discretion, before the next regular meeting of Presbytery. That Rev. J. D. Hall preach at the church of Long Creek and at Shilo, Cleaveland county, one Sabbath each.

That Rev. Thos. E. Davis preach one Sabbath at Wilkesboro.

E. T. Rockwell.
J. E. Davis
W. C. Johnston.
} Committee.

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Stated clerk ordered to preserve a copy of the Memorial from Prospect church

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted; Resolved, That the stated clerk be directed to make an accurate copy of the memorial sent up to the last General Assembly by certain persons purporting to have been members of Centre church, but by the act of the General Assembly now members of Prospect church, and with the consent of the Stated clerk of the General Assembly preserve the Original, and forward said copy to him.

Judicial com. Report on the Appeal of J. M. Bessinger.

The Judicial Committe presented their Report on the Appeal of Mr J. M. Bessinger from the decision of the Session of Ramah church. This report was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

An Appeal of Mr John M Bessinger from a decision of the Sesion of Ramah church being placed in the hands of the Judicial Committee, Said committee recommend that the case be taken up for trial by Presbytery, and that the following be the order, viz:

1. Read the Sentence Appealed from.
2. Read the reasons assigned for the Appeal.
3. Read the whole record of the inferior Court.
4. Hear the original parties.
5. Hear any members of the inferior court in explanation of the grounds of the decision.
6. Parties withdraw.
7. Call the Roll for the members of Presbytery to express their opinion.
8. Decision of the case.

Leave of absence granted.

The following members had leave to retire, after this evening, from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery: Revs. Messrs. A. A. Pinick, E. T. Rockwell, H. B. Cunningham, and Messrs. J. B. Thomas, Silas Todd, Wm Fleming, Nathaniel Holmes, Wm Irwin, John McFarland, and W. C. Johnston.

Statistical report read.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report of Presbytery, which being read, was approved, and he was ordered to forward it to Synod.

Contingent fund raised.

Resolved. That each member of Presbytery now pay 50 cts. to defray the contingent expenses of Synod.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Appeal of J. M. Basinger laid over.

Presbytery met. Resolved—That the appeal of John M. Basinger from a decision of the session of Ramah Church be laid over until the next regular meeting.

Report of the com. on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, and report thereon, presented their report, which was accepted, and unanimously adopted; and ordered that the articles bearing on the judicial case, and the Memorial from members of Prospect church be published in the "Presbyterian", and "Watchman "and Observer." The Report is as follows, viz;

The committee on the Minutes of the last General Assembly respectfully report—that they have found in said minutes but few items requiring the special attention of Presbytery.

The 1st is on page 241, and respects attendance on the monthly concert of prayer, and the necessity of connecting with it a collection for the purpose of sending the gospel to the perishing heathen.

The 2d (on page 245) invites our ministers and members individually, and the Presbyteries to communicate freely with the committee on Church Music, and to make such suggestions as may aid in the completion of a Book which may, as far as possible, be adapted to the widest and most approved use in our Churches. The suggestions to be addressed, post paid, before the 1st day of December next, to the Chairman, the Rev. John M. Krebs, D.D. of New York.

The 3d found on page 259 respects our Domestic Missions.

The 4th (see pages 260, 261) recommends our Board of Publication and the system of Colportage to the attention of our churches—especially that regular contributions be taken up annually in all our churches on behalf of said Board.

The 5th (see pages 265 and 266) refers to the day of fasting and prayer appointed on the last Thursday of June 1849.

The 6th (see page 267) refers to the creation of a fund for the support of the widows and families of deceased Ministers and for the relief of superannuated and disabled living ministers—

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enjoining upon all our Synods and Presbyteries to take such action as may secure a contribution annually—and also directing that a column be added to the table of Statistical Reports, for these contributions.

The 7th item (see page 268) refers to our Board of Education.

The 8th item requiring the attention of Presbytery, refers to the case of the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies. (See pages 245, 262, 263, and 264 of the printed minutes.)

Your Committee feel it their duty to present the following minute as expressive of the views of Presbytery in this case—viz:

While this Presbytery, as in duty bound, respectfully submit to the decision of our highest judicatory in said case, though conflicting, as they verily believe it does, with the demands of truth and righteousness; and failing, as it does, to restore the Rev. J. LeRoy Davies to the confidence of the members of this Presbytery,—they cannot but express their Astonishment that the Counsel for the Appellant, in conducting his defence, should have descended to such unfair means and expressions of contempt towards this Presbytery, imputing the most unworthy motives to its members, who, in the discharge of a most painful duty, feel conscious that they were actuated by nothing but a sacred regard to their ordination vows, and the purity and peace of the church.

The 9th and last item which your committee would bring to the notice of Presbytery is found on page 266 of the printed minutes, and is as follows—viz:

"A Memorial from individuals of the Presbytery of Concord, formerly under the pastoral care of the Rev. "Mr. Davies, asking the Assembly to determine whether they are to be "considered members of the Prospect Church, or whether their dismission from the church of Centre is to be considered null and "void. The committee recommend, that the Assembly, while not "approving of the haste and confusion with which their dismission was given, declare their actual connection with the church "of Prospect now to be valid and regular."

This is certainly the most extraordinary act of our last General

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Report of com. on the Minutes of Gen. Assy.

Assembly. In the simplicity of our hearts we believed, for so we had read in our book of Discipline Chapter VII. that there are but four ways in which a cause may be carried from a lower Judicatory to a higher,- viz: by review and control,- by reference,- by appeal,- or by complaint- and that in the last two ways, notice of the appeal or complaint shall always be lodged, with the reasons thereof, before the judicatory appealed from, or complained of- either before its rising or within ten days afterwards. (See section III. Article V: and Section IV. article IV. of our Book of Discipline.) But here is a memorial purporting to be nothing less than both an appeal from the decision of this Presbytery, and a complaint to the General Assembly of our Church, carried from this part of our country by some unknown person and placed in the hands of the committee of Bills and Overtures of the General Assembly, of which not a whisper had been heard, nor a syllable known to our Presbytery- and yet our General Assembly gravely takes it up on the last day of their meeting, after our Commissioners had left Pittsburg, and acts upon it; setting aside a decision of this Presbytery, without knowing the reasons which actuated us in pronouncing the act by which certain members were transferred from Centre to Prospect church by the late Pastor of Centre, to have been irregular, and without any proper authority, and therefore declaring said members to belong as of right they ought to the Church of Centre.

If there was a ecclesiastical court higher than our General Assembly, by which the decision of that venerable body could be reviewed and judgment given in the case, we do not entertain the least doubt that such flagrant disregard of all rules, and trampling on the rights of a Presbytery would meet with deserved rebuke.

In view of the whole case your Committee can only submissively say; It is better, if the will of God be so, that we suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

(Signed) S. Frontis
R. H. Morrison,
D. A. Penick,
C. Johnston,
R. C. Carson,
J. B. Thomas,
} Committee.

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Members obtain leave of absence.

Rev. Messrs J. M. W. Adams, and S. Williamson, D. D. obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Narrative for Synod.

The Committee, appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds to be laid before Synod, presented their report which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

In presenting its narrative to Synod on the state of religion within its bounds, the Presbytery of Concord would say, that while there is much over which to mourn, yet there is cause to take courage, from the fact that God is giving evidence to his people, that he is still waiting to be gracious. The reports that are laid before Presbytery by the pastors and sessions of the different churches are generally encouraging, and some of them of a highly interesting character. While it is true that a great spiritual desolation prevails throughout our mountain country, with but few spots under moral culture, yet the intelligence received from these cultivated spots is such as refreshes the spirit of Presbytery. The churches planted there by missionary labours, and sustained in the midst of many discouragements are passing out of their infantile state, and coming up to the stature of men.

Others of our churches that have been for years destitute of the regular means of grace seem to have awaked to a sense of their spiritual destitution, and have made noble and successful efforts in securing for themselves and their children the regular supplies of the bread of eternal life.

Our churches have had, for the most part, encouraging additions, and to some these additions have been unusually large. A few of our churches have been blessed with the special influences of Gods Spirit. Among these may be mentioned the churches of of Steel-Creek, Concord, Bethesda, Bethpage, Charlotte, Philadelphia, and Rocky River. Protracted meetings have been recently held at most of these places, and the preaching of Gods word was evidently attended with the mighty power of God. Many sinners were brought to indulge a hope in Christ, and professing christians were refreshed, and made to rejoice. To Steel-creek church more than 50 persons have been added, to Rocky River some 30, to Concord about

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3/4 to Philadelphia about 3/4 and it is expected that there will be a large addition to Bethpage and Charlotte churches as soon as an opportunity is given.

Sabbath schools are established in most of our churches, and are generally well sustained. Pastors are giving an increased attention to the instruction of the young in the doctrines of the Bible, as contained in our Confession of Faith.

Monthly and weekly prayer meetings are established and well attended in some of our churches, but in many of our churches these are either entirely neglected, or observed with a great degree of indifference. Over this state of things, as it exists in some of our churches, Presbytery feels that it is called to mourn, and for it has reason to humble itself before God; and especially at this time when God is reviving some of his churches, and thus giving his people the evidence and assurance that he is still the hearer of prayer, and will satisfy the enlarged desires of his servants.

Our Coloured people are not neglected. Our pastors devote a portion of their time in preaching to them, and in giving catechetical instruction. It is to be feared that this class of our population does not receive that attention from all our pastors and sessions that the importance of the case demands. There is however an increased attention given to this subject.

Family visitations have been practiced by some of our pastors, and these visitations seem to have been specially blessed by the Great Head of the church.

The cause of temperance is on the advance in many parts within our bounds.

In conclusion, Presbytery feels, that at this time it is called on to praise and bless the name of God, that while his judgments have been abroad in the world, our people have been protected from them, by the special providence of God; and instead of judgments, blessings both temporal and spiritual have been showered down; and it feels, that it is called on to humble itself before God in view of the little that it has done during the past year for the advancement of the Redeemers kingdom, and the salvation of souls.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Wm A. Hall, Daniel Culbertson. } Com.

Resolution on baptism reconsidered, and a substitute adopted.

The Resolution in relation to baptism (See page 251) was reconsidered, and the following substitute was adopted, viz: In answering this question, Presbytery would say that it has been the usage of the church, that Parents should be required publicly to assent or promise that they will endeavour to be faithful in training their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and that this usage is worthy of commendation and continuance.

Devotional exercises.

The hour having arrived for attending to the order of the day, viz: Devotional exercises, this duty was attended to.

Ruling Elder appeared in Pres.

Mr. Wm B. Wood, Ruling Elder from the church of Third Creek appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Treasurer of D. Missions ordered to pay ruling elder's expenses.

The Treasurer of Domestic missions was ordered to pay our missionaries up to the time that they receive commissions from the General Assembly's Board.

Treasurer of Com. of D. Missions ordered to pay Rev. J. E. M. Thom the sum of $50.00

The Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions was further ordered to pay at this time to the Rev. J. E. M. Thom the sum of $50.00—

Resolution of thanks.

Resolved— That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Poplar Tent, for the hospitality with which they have entertained this body during its present sessions, and that this resolution be read to the congregation by its pastor at any time he may think proper.

Appointment to preach at Third Creek.

The Rev. Messrs. A. Baker, J. E. Morrison, and R. H. Lafferty were appointed to preach one Sabbath each, at discretion, at the church of Third Creek.

Adjournment &c.

Presbytery adjourned to meet, during the meeting of Synod, in Hillsboro, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

A. Baker, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Absentees.

N. B— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. J. LeRoy Davis, D. Lindley, Thos. D. Johnston, J. B. C. Wilson, Wm N. Morrison, and L. Murray.

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1849.

Statistical report to Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord, report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of Twenty nine ministers, and have under their care Fifty five congregations, Three licentiates, and Three candidates; that on the 13th December, 1848, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. M. H. Adams and the congregation of Third Creek, and declared said Church to be vacant; that on the 4th April, 1849 they dismissed Mr. R. E. Sherrill, a licentiate under their care, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. W. J. Savage, a licentiate, with a view to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the 6th April, 1849, they changed the name of the Church of New Union to that of Fifth Creek; that on the 11th July, 1849, they deposed from the Office of the Gospel Ministry, the Rev. James F. W. Truman, and suspended him [illegible] from the sealing ordinances of the Church; that on the 25th October, 1849, they received under their care Mr. Pleasant H. Dalton, a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day, they received under their care Mr. Elnathan G. Walker, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Charleston; that on the same day, they dismissed Mr. Thaddeus C. Crawford, a licentiate, under their care, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee; that on the same day, they dissolved the Church of Smyrna, and directed its members to transfer their membership to Shiloh, when it becomes organized; and that on the same day they received from the Presbytery of Orange the Rev. Wm. C. Sutton.

By order of the Presbytery,

Poplar Tent, Cabarrus Co. N.C.
Oct. 26th 1849.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

Hillsboro, N.C.
Meeting of Synod.

Friday, Nov. 2d 1849
9½ o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, Rev. A. Baker, and was constituted with prayer. Members present, Revs. Messrs. C. Johnston, D. A. Penick, H. V. Sharpe, A. Baker, G. M. Gibbs, R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. W. J. Harris, Ruling Elder from the church of Poplar Tent.

The temporary clerks not being present, Rev. R. H. Lafferty was appointed temporary clerk.

Mr. P. T. Penick applies for license.

Mr. Peter Tinsley Penick, one of our Candidates for the Gospel Ministry made application to Presbytery for license to preach the Gospel; Whereupon it was resolved, that Presbytery will now enter upon the examination of Mr. Penick with a view to his licensure. Having been previously examined on his literary and scientific course, Presbytery proceed to examine him on theology, natural and revealed.

Presbytery proceed to examine him.

Rev. John Witherspoon, D. D. L. L. D. a member of the Presbytery of Orange, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

corresponding member.

Rev. G. M. Gibbs obtained leave of absence for this evening.

leave of absence granted

Mr. Penick presented his Latin Exegesis, and Critical exercise, and read from each until his reading was arrested by Presbytery. Revs. Messrs. C. Johnston, and A. Baker were appointed a committee to examine these parts of trial, and report thereon.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet tomorrow at the call of the Moderator.

Saturday, Nov. 3d 1849
6 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Members present, Revs. Messrs. C. Johnston, D. A. Penick, A. Baker, E. Rockwell, G. M. Gibbs, R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. D. H. McCown, Ruling Elder from the church of Fourth Creek.

Examination of Mr. Penick.

Presbytery took up the unfinished business, viz: the examination of Mr. P. T. Penick. He was examined on ecclesiastical history and the sacraments. He presented his Lecture, and Sermon, founded on

portions of scripture previously assigned him, and read from these until arrested by Presbytery.

com. appointed to examine parts of trial report. The committee appointed to examine Mr Pinnicks Latin Exegesis, and critical exercise reported, recommending that they be received as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was accepted, and adopted. Presbytery having gone through with the examination; and being satisfied with it, proceeded to license Mr Pinnick, of which the following is the record; viz:

Mr Pinnick licensed. At Hillsboro N. C. the 3^d day of Novr 1849 the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Peter Tinsley Pinnick of his having gone through a regular course of literature: of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said Peter Tinsley Pinnick to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Mr Pinnick was required by Presbytery to return (according to his own intentions) to the Seminary, and there prosecute his studies until the close of the present session, and thus complete the regular Seminary course.

The following communication was laid before Presbytery and read; viz:

Cabarrus Co. N. C.
Oct 23^d 1849.

To the Moderator of Concord Presbytery
Dear Sir

Call for meeting of Bds. of D. College to elect Prof.

In compliance with a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, I herewith transmit you an extract from the minutes of their proceedings;

"On motion of L. A. Pinnick. Resolved, That the Board, in view of the failure of the recent election by the Presbyteries of a

Professor in this Institution by the death of R. B. Gaither, inform the Presbyteries, that the College is still needing a Professor, and request them to meet at Davidson College at 11 o'clock A. M. on the first Wednesday of December next to elect another Professor to be denominated the Professor of Moral and Mental Science".

(Signed) Wm S. Harris, Secretary of Board of Trustees.

Resolution to meet at College. Whereupon it was resolved, that Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Davidson College on Wednesday, Dec. 5th 1849 at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of electing a Professor to the chair of moral and mental science. The Stated clerk was ordered to have a notice of this meeting published in the Charlotte papers, and in the Carolina Watchman.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Tabor church, Iredell Co N. C. on Friday Nov 30th 1849, at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

A. Baker, Mod^r
R. H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

Absentees. N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs W. S. Shaw, R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. Williamson, D. D. A. Brantley, J. Sidney Lewis, Wm. A. Wall, A. L. Watts, A. Lindsay, Thos. L. Johnston, J. M. H. Adams, J. C. Morrison, J. E. Hall, S. B. O. Wilson, J. M. Wilson, Wm. N. Morrison, A. Murray, M. B. Cunningham, J. E. McPherson, W. W. Shaw, Thos. E. Lewis, S. C. Shaw, and W. C. Sutton.

Tabor Church,
Iredell County, N.C.
Friday, Nov. 30th 1849
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. H.N. Thorn. Present, Revs. Messrs. H.N. Thorn, W.S. Hall, Thos. E. Davis, E.T. Rockwell, and Mr. J.A. Bell, elder from Bethany church, Mr. John Young, elder from Tabor church, Mr. James Adams, elder from Concord church, and Mr. Daniel Culbertson, elder from Unity church (Rowan).

The Rev. H.N. Thorn was elected Moderator, and Rev. E.T. Rockwell temporary Clerk.

Examination, Ordination and installation of Mr. Dalton.

On motion it was Resolved, That Presbytery will now hear the sermon of Mr. P.H. Dalton on the subject assigned him (1. John II. 1) as part of his trial, preparatory to his ordination; after which Presbytery proceeds to examine him on Church Government. The candidate then retired, and an opportunity was given to the members of Presbytery to make remarks on the examination; after which it was Resolved That the sermon, and the examination on Church Government be sustained as parts of trial.

On motion it was then Resolved, That Presbytery will proceed to the ordination of Mr. Dalton on tomorrow at 11 o'clock A.M. Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Dec. 1st 1849
11 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The Sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. H.N. Thorn from Luke XII. 47. "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes." and the constitutional questions were propounded by him to both the Pastor elect, and to the congregation present, which being answered in the affirmative, Presbytery proceeded to set apart to the work of the

Tabor Church, Saturday, Dec. 1st 1849.

holy ministry, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, Mr. Pleasant H. Dalton, and installed him Pastor of the ~~united~~ congregations of Tabor, and ~~Bethany~~. Rev. E.T. Rockwell delivered the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Thos. E. Davis delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Davidson College on Wednesday, Dec. 5th 1849, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.

H.N. Thorn, Mod.
R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Absentees

N.B.— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. Messrs. W.S. Thorn, R.H. Morrison, D.D., S. Williamson, D.D., S. Frontis, C. Johnston, Daniel A. Penick, J. Le Roy Davies, A.L. Wells, D. Lindley, T.P. Johnston, J.M.H. Adams, J. E. Morrison, J.D. Hall, S.B.O. Wilson, J.M. Wilson, W.K. Morrison, S. Murray, H.B. Cunningham, A. Baker, J.E.N. Thorn, W.W. Thorn, G.M. Gibbs, R.H. Lafferty, S.C. Thorn, and Wm. C. Sutton.

Davidson College, N.C.
Wednesday, Dec. 5th 1849
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator Rev. A. Baker. The roll was called, and the following members were present, viz:

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W.S. Thorn	Messrs. J.H. Hamilton,
" R.H. Morrison, D.D.	R.S. McDowell,
" S. Williamson, D.D.	Dan Alexander,
" S. Frontis,	
" C. Johnston,	J.M. Osborne,

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Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. W. S. Sharp,	Messrs. J. B. Thomas,
" D. A. Penick,	S. McKinley,
" J. LeRoy Davies,	
" Wm. A. Hall,	
" A. L. Watts,	John Hart,
" J. E. Morrison,	Daniel Coleman,
" J. R. Hall,	R. M. Alexander,
" S. B. C. Wilson,	Robert Potts,
" H. B. Cunningham,	A. B. Davidson,
" A. Baker,	D. A. Davis,
" E. F. Rockwell,	S. R. Bell,
" W. W. Sharp,	J. Cannon,
" Thos. E. Davis,	
" R. H. Lafferty,	John F. McNeely,
" S. C. Sharp,	
	John Houpe,
	Wm. Wood.

Letter from Bethel Pres.

A letter from Rev. Wm. Banks, Stated clerk of Bethel Presbytery, containing a Resolution of Bethel Presbytery asking the Presbyteries of Concord and Fayetteville to concur with them in effecting an alteration in the constitution of Davidson College in relation to the electing of Professors in said College, was read, and laid, for the present, on the table.

Pres. met in convention.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet at the call of the Moderator. (This recess was taken for the purpose of meeting in convention with the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville, with a view of nominating a Professor of Moral and Mental Science for Davidson College.)

After recess

Election of Prof. in D. College.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. On motion, it was Resolved, That Presbytery will now proceed to the election of a Professor to fill the chair of "Moral and Mental Science" in Davidson College; whereupon the Rev. Wm. H. Foote, D.D. of Va. was elected. The vote stood as follows:

For Rev. Wm. H. Foote, D.D. 35:

For Rev. John W. Yeomans, D.D. 1:

Non Liquet 3. . . .

Davidson College, Wednesday, Dec. 5th 1842.

The Stated clerk was directed to furnish the President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College with a copy of the foregoing minute as soon as practicable.

Call from Third creek.

A call, accompanied with a memorial was presented from the congregation of Third creek for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. M. H. Adams. These papers were read, and the call being in order, was ordered to be placed in his hands, together with the accompanying memorial from said church.

Communication from Mr. J. W. Yeoman.

A communication from Mr. J. W. Yeoman was received, read, and ordered to be filed away among the papers of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Little Britain church, Rutherford County on Friday, Dec. 14th 1842, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.

A. Baker, Mod'r.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Absentees.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Revs. Messrs. Daniel Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, Jas. M. H. Adams, J. M. Wilson, Wm. S. Morrison, L. Murray, J. E. McPherson, G. M. Gibbs, Wm. C. Sutton, and P. H. Pelton.

Little Britain Church, Rutherford Co. N.C.
Friday, Dec. 14th 1842. 11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. J. M. H. Adams,	Messrs. Wm. Erwin,
" J. M. Wilson,	John A. McFarland.
" G. M. Gibbs,	

Corresponding members.

The Rev. J. M. H. Adams being appointed to preside, took the chair, and Rev. G. M. Gibbs was appointed temporary clerk. The Rev. Daniel Devuelle, a member of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N.J. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Little-Britain, Friday, Dec. 14th 1849

Examination Ordination and installation of Mr Walker.

Presbytery then resolved to hear the trial sermon of Mr E. G. Walker, preparatory to his ordination. After the delivery of this sermon, Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mr J. Logan at 3 o'clock P. M.

House of Mr J. Logan.
3 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. On motion it was resolved to proceed to the examination of Mr Walker on church government. This examination, together with his trial sermon was sustained.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock at the church. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Dec. 15th 10 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Members present as on yesterday.

The examination of Mr Walker being brought to a close and being sustained throughout, and the way being clear, it was Resolved to proceed to his ordination.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams preached the sermon for the occasion from Jer. III. 15. "And I will give you pastors according to "my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding:" After which, he recited the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to the ordination of Mr Walker, and pointed out the nature and importance of this ordinance. He then propounded the constitutional questions, both to the pastor elect, and to the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative; Mr Elnathan G. Walker was ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, by prayer, and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and was installed pastor of the congregations of Little Britain and Duncans creek. (No representative being present from Bruisilla church, he was not installed pastor of that church.) The Rev. J. M. Wilson delivered the charge to the newly ordained bishop, and Rev. G. M. Gibbs delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Charlotte on Wednesday, April 10th 1850 at 7 o'clock P. M.

J. M. H. Adams, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. Williamson, D. D. S. Frontis, C. Johnston, H. N. Pharr, D. A. Penick, J. LeRoy Davies, Wm A. Hall, A. L. Watts, D. Lindley, Thos P. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, S. R. C. Wilson, Wm N. Morrison, L. Murray, H. B. Cunningham, A. Baker, E. F. Rockwell, J. E. McPherson, W. W. Pharr, Thos E. Davis, R. H. Lafferty, S. C. Pharr, Wm C. Sutton, and P. H. Dalton.

Charlotte church
Mecklenburg county N. C.
Wednesday April 11th 1850.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. A. Baker, from Luke XIV. 23. "And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into "the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may "be filled." After which it was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev R. H. Morrison, D. D.	Messrs. C. S. Hunter, M. D.
" S. Frontis,	John McCullock,
" C. Johnston,	J. M. Osborne,
" H. N. Pharr,	Thos G. Morrison,
" Wm A. Hall,	S. S. Howell,
" A. L. Watts,	Mc. Vitte Henderson,
" J. M. H. Adams,	
" J. E. Morrison,	
" J. D. Hall,	Andrew Hoyle,
" J. M. Wilson,	Robt C. Wilson, Salem chh.
" H. B. Cunningham,	Henderson Query, Mallard creek chh.
" A. Baker,	L. A. Davis,
" E. F. Rockwell,	
" W. W. Pharr,	David Johnston,
" J. E. Davis,	Wm King,
" R. H. Lafferty,	
" S. C. Pharr,	
" E. G. Walker,	
	R. H. Morrison, R. River chh.
	John Young,

Charlotte, Wednesday, April 10th 1850.

Election of officers

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. J. M. W. Adams, and W. W. Thorn, temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

Corresponding member

The Rev. Daniel Deruelle, a member of New Brunswick Presbytery N. J. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in the Court House. Closed with prayer.

Thursday morning, April 11th 1850.

9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Elder's appears in Bre

Mr. John Wolfe, Ruling Elder from the Church of Sharon, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Minutes of last meeting read.

The Minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the adjourned meetings were read, corrected, and approved.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day this afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear the Rev. D. Deruelle, agent for the American Bible Society, in relation to the Bible cause.

It was also made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock to call for the sessional records of the different Sessions.

Elder's appears in Bre

Mr. H. F. McKnight, Ruling Elder from Hopewell Church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Letter read from Treas. of Synod.

A letter was laid before Presbytery from Mr. Charles Phillips, Treasurer of Synod. This letter was read, and being found to relate to the state of the treasury of Synod, it was on motion placed in the hands of the committee on the minutes of Synod.

Report of com.

The committee appointed to organize a church in Asheville reported, That they had attended to the business assigned them, and had organized a Church in that place on the 22d day of Dec. 1849, consisting of 14 members, and one Ruling Elder.

Report of com.

The committee appointed to organize a church by the name of Shiloh reported, that they had attended to the business assigned them, and that they had organized said church on the 21st day of Jan. 1850, consisting of 31 members, 5 Ruling Elders, and 2 Deacons.

Charlotte, Thursday, April 11th 1850.

Appointment of committees.

Rev. A. Baker was appointed Chairman of the committee on the Parochial School system in place of Rev. S. Williamson, D.D.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz:

On Devotional exercises, Rev. Messrs. C. Johnston and W. L. Cunningham.
On minutes of Synod, Rev. Messrs. A. Baker, J. E. Morrison, and Mr. D. Davis.
Judicial Committee, Rev. Messrs. W. W. Thorn, S. Frontis, and Mr. J. M. Osborne.
On Supplies, Rev. Messrs. J. M. Wilson, Wm. A. Hall, and C. S. Hunter, Mr. [illegible]
On the Narrative, Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. C. Thorn, and Mr. W. King.

Place and time of the next meeting of Pby.

Presbytery proceeded to fix the place and time of the next semi-annual meeting: Whereupon it was Resolved, That Presbytery will hold its next regular meeting in Taylorsville, Alexander County N. C. on Wednesday before the 5th Sabbath in Sept. (being Sept 25th) at 7 o'clock P. M.

A member appears in Presbytery.

Rev. S. Williamson, D. D. appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned reasons reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Com. of instal. appointed.

On motion Presbytery proceeded to the election of commissioners to the next General Assembly about to convene in Cincinnati Ohio, and it was resolved to send but one Minister and one Ruling Elder. This election was deferred for the present.

Rev. Messrs S. Frontis and J. M. Wilson were appointed a committee to install the Rev. T. H. Dalton Pastor of Bethany Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May. The Rev. S. Frontis to preach the installation sermon, and Rev. J. M. Wilson to preside, and give the charge to the Pastor, and also to the people. Rev. W. W. Thorn to be alternate to Rev. S. Frontis and Rev. E. F. Rockwell alternate to Rev. J. M. Wilson.

Report of com. on obituary notices.

On motion Presbytery heard portions read from the report of the Committee appointed to prepare obituary notices of the deceased members of this body.

Elder's appears in Bre.

Dr. D. J. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from the church of Sugar Creek appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Commissioners to Gen. Ass.

The election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was then taken up which resulted in the choice of the Rev. W. L. Cunningham and Mr. S. N. Hutcheson, principals, and Rev. A. Baker and Mr. D. A. Davis, alternates. Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. to meet in the church.

Charlotte, Thursday, April 11th 1850.

2 o'clock P. M.

Sessional records handed in. Elders appear in their.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up, viz: the handing in of the sessional records. The roll was called when about fifteen session books were presented.

The Ruling Elder Mr. Matthew McCall, who was appointed as alternate from Philadelphia church, in the absence of the principal, was, on motion, enrolled as a member.

Communication from Little Britain and Duncan's creek.

A communication was received from the sessions of the churches of Little Britain and Duncan's creek asking Presbytery to lend them some pecuniary aid in the support of their Pastor. This communication was referred to the Executive committee of Domestic Missions.

A member appears in his seat.

The Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery, and having given satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Report of com. on devotional exercises.

The committee on devotional exercises presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz

1st Psalmody by the Rev. W. S. Sharp.
2d Prayer by Rev. L. Bonties.
3d Reading the Scriptures by the Rev. G. M. Gibbs.
4th Address by the Rev. J. Williamson, D. D.
5th Psalmody by the Rev. J. E. Morrison.
6th Closing prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

And these exercises to take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow at 2 o'clock P. M. to hear the Sermon on Popery.

Rev. L. Bonnelle addresses on the Bible cause.

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, viz: to hear the Rev. L. Bonnelle in relation to the Bible cause, Presbytery attended to this business, after which it was resolved, That we, as a Presbytery tender our thanks to Rev. L. Bonnelle for his address, and are pleased with the fact that an opportunity presents itself to express our gratification on hearing the success of Bible distribution especially within our bounds, and its general success in various countries throughout the world.

Stated clerk's account.

The Stated Clerk presented his account to Presbytery which amounted to $2.47½ cts. The Treasurer was ordered to settle this account with the Stated Clerk.

Com. to nominate Trustees.

Rev. Messrs W. S. Sharp, R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. Wm. King were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Charlotte, Thursday, April 11th 1850.

Report of agent on F. Missions.

The Agent (Rev. C. Johnston) for Foreign Missions presented his report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

To the Presbytery of Concord in Session at Charlotte N. C. April 1850.

Your agent in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions begs leave to report the results of the past year as follows; viz: He has received, and forwarded to the Treasurer at New York, from the following sources, the following sums of money; viz;

From Rev. L. A. Penick, your former agent balance on hand	$ 142.66 cts
From the church of Sugar Creek	42.82
" " Davidson College	20.00
" " Back Creek	18.05
" " Poplar Tent	19.00
" " Joppa	11.00
" " Fourth Creek	10.00
" " Providence	15.00
" " Sharon	24.25
" " Unity (Lincoln)	33.15
Ladies Missionary Society of Sugar Creek	21.00
Rev. W. S. Sharp	16.00
From the church of Mallard Creek	14.32
" " Pleasant Hill	10.00
" " Steel Creek	4.00
" " Ramah	6.70
" " Prospect	13.00
" " Concord	11.00
" " Steel Creek	18.00
Mrs. Grier's class in Steel creek Sabbath School	2.50
R. J. McDowell Esq.	5.00
The church of Hopewell	5.00
" Bethpage	10.00
For Missionary Chronicle	.50
From church of Ebenezer	15.00
" " Morganton	12.00
Amount	$ 493.95

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Report of Agent on F. Missions continued.

Amount Brought over - - -	$ 493.75 cts.
Benevolent Female Society of Poplar Tent - - - -	10.00
From church in Charlotte - - - - -	55.75
" Bethpage - - - - - - - -	21.15
Making a total of - - - - -	$ 580.75 cts.

By looking over the above list it will appear that the above Sum has been contributed by Twenty Five of our churches, leaving Thirty one churches from which no contribution has been received. Of these 31 churches, probably one or more may have made a contribution to this great work through some other medium - but still, it is to be recorded to our sorrow and shame, that not more than one half of our churches have given a dollar to the cause of Foreign missions during the past year. Brethren of Presbytery! how much of the sin of this neglect must be placed to our account? It has become a settled and established fact, that if the Ministry will embrace some proper occasion, and simply state the fact, that the Presbyterian church has engaged actively in sending the Gospel to the perishing in heathen lands, and ask those who are disposed to give to aid in this good work, that we have not one church but what will give something.

May God greatly prosper the work of sending the Gospel to a dying world, in every country of which, the door is now wide open for its reception. The fact that God, by his providence has opened the door for the unrestricted circulation of his word, and propagation of the Gospel, makes the loudest demands upon the churches to come up to the work, and enter the fields which are white for the harvest.

Let us all remember that God can take no pleasure in those who stand by looking on in idleness. And what we do must be done quickly. May God dispose every heart to come up to the work.

(Signed) Gilles Johnston Agent.

The free conversation on the subject of religion was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Charlotte, Thursday, April 11th 1850.

Committee on Sessional records.

The following committees were appointed to examine the Sessional records, and report thereon, viz;

On the Session Books of Philadelphia, Charlotte, and Sugar creek, Revd H. N. Pharr, and Mr R. C. Wilson.

On Mallard creek, Back creek, and New Hope, Revd G. M. Gibbs, and Mr L. L. Howell.

On Poplar Tent, Davidson College, and Steel creek, Revd J. M. Wilson, and Mr D. A. Davis.

On Pleasant Hill, Franklin, and Sharon, Revd Thos E. Davis, and Mr W. King.

On Joppa, and Unity, (Rowan) Revd A. Baker, and Mr Johnston.

On Unity, (Lincoln) Concord Town, and Salisbury, Revd W. A. Wall, and J. W. Osborne, Esq

On Shiloh, Tabor, and Fourth creek, Revd J. D. Wall, and Mr Henderson Query.

On Morion, and Siloam, Revd S. C. Pharr, and Mr J. McCulloch.

On Hopewell, Paw Creek, and Concord, Revd S. Prentiss, and Mr R. H. Morrison.

Raising funds for Beneficiary

In view of the pressing wants of our Beneficiary at the Union Theological Seminary who is now without funds, Therefore Resolved - That Presbytery endeavour to raise at this time what may meet his present wants, and that Revd J. E. Morrison be appointed Treasurer Pro Tem. to receive and pay over to the committee what may be raised.

com. appointed on conditional Legacy.

The Revd G. M. Gibbs, and Mr H. Greenlee, were appointed a committee to attend to a Legacy left conditionally to the cause of education for the ministry in our church.

com. to install Revd E. G. Walker

Revd Messrs. J. M. Wilson, and G. M. Gibbs, were appointed a committee to install Revd E. G. Walker over the church of Bruisella.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock to meet in the court House.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Revd J. E. McPherson appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Remarks of persons in Pres. Report on Parochial Schools.

The committee on the Parochial School system read their report, which was accepted; and after some discussion the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

A paper was read as an overture to the General

Charlotte, Friday, April 12th 1850.

Overture for the Gen. Ass.

Assembly respecting the observance of the Fourth day of July; which was, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

Mr. W. P. McKnight obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Letter from a member assigning reasons for absence.

A letter was received from Rev. Wm. C. Sutton containing reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock in the church. Closed with prayer.

Friday, April 12th 1850.

9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery attended to the business assigned to this hour; viz; free conversation on the state of religion. Rev. S. Frontis was appointed chairman of the committee on the narrative in place of Rev. J. H. Morrison, D. D.

Devotional Exercises

The hour for attending to the order of the day, viz, the devotional exercises of Presbytery, having arrived, the free conversation was for the present suspended.

Members appear in Pres.

Rev. W. S. Shaw appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

After the devotional exercises Presbytery resumed the unfinished business; viz; free conversation on the state of religion.

Report of com. on nomination of Trustees.

The committee, appointed to nominate trustees for Davidson College, to fill the place of those whose term of four years now expires, presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee, appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and present the following nomination, viz; Rev. Messrs S. Frontis, J. M. W. Adams, H. R. Cunningham, J. D. Hall, and Messrs. Wm. Lee Davidson, C. W. Harris, M. D., Wm. B. McLain, M. D., D. A. Caldwell, Jas. H. Houston, M. D.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

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After recess.

Sermon on Popery, preached

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up, viz; the hearing of the sermon on Popery by Rev. H. R. Cunningham, which was preached from the text II. Thes. II. 4. "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he "as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Free conversation.

The unfinished business, viz, the free conversation on the state of religion, was then resumed.

Committee on Sessional records report.

The committees on the Session books reported, which reports were accepted and adopted with the exceptions recorded in the respective Session Books.

Com. on Sessional records.

Rev. J. E. Morrison, and D. J. Caldwell, M. D. were appointed a committee to examine the Session Book of Ramah.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock to meet in the court House.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee on the minutes of Synod reported, which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of com. on minutes of Synod.

Your committee on the records of Synod respectfully report that they have made every effort to procure a copy of those minutes, but were unable to lay their hands on them.

They would however call the attention of Presbytery to the communication of the Treasurer of Synod, by which we are informed that the amount due from this Presbytery, for the printed minutes of last Synod, is $16.88 cts.

The committee would also bring to the notice of this Presbytery the mistake in the printed minutes as to the next meeting of Synod; viz; Thursday is the day chosen by the Synod and it is so recorded, but Synod stands adjourned, to meet at Centre on Wednesday.

Your committee would further recommend to this Presbytery the hearty co-operation of its members with the Colportage plan adopted by the last Synod.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. Baker,
Jas. E. Morrison.

Charlotte, Friday, April 12th 1850

Report of Ex. com. on D. Missions

The Executive committee of Domestic Missions made a verbal report, which brought the whole subject of Missions before the Presbytery. Interesting addresses were made on this subject.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on supplies and missionary labours presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee on supplies beg leave to present the following Report,

1st That the Revd Messrs H. N. Shaw and Thos E. Davis spend two Sabbaths in the counties of Alexander, Wilkes, and Caldwell, and administer the ordinances in the churches of Salem, and Wilkesboro, and in the town of Lenoir if the way in their judgment is open.

2d That the Revd E. F. Rockwell, and Revd J. H. Dalton, each spend two Sabbaths in Surry at discretion.

3d That Revd Messrs W. W. Shaw and R. W. Lafferty, spend each two Sabbaths in Union and Anson counties.

4th That Revd J. A. Hall, and E. G. Walker, spend two Sabbaths in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

5th That Revd Wm. A. Hall, and Prof. Wilson in Cherokee.

6th That Revd Messrs Williamson, and Penick in McDowell and Yancey.

7th That Revd Messrs C. Johnston, and R. H. Morrison D.D. J. M. Wilson. Henderson and Buncombe, administer the communion at Asheville.

8th That Revd Messrs J. M. H. Adams and G. M. Gibbs, administer the Lord's Supper in Rutherfordton.

9th That Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison, D.D. and S. Frontis, administer the communion in Lincolnton.

10th That Revd Messrs D. A. Penick, and S. C. Shaw, at Philadelphia and Union.

11th That Revd Messrs A. Baker, and J. E. Morrison, two Sabbaths in Stanly and Montgomery counties.

12th That Revd Messrs R. H. Morrison, D.D. W. B. Cunningham, S. C. Shaw, and C. Johnston, spend one Sabbath each in Dallas Gaston county.

That Revd Messrs S. Williamson, D.D. S. B. C. Wilson, and W. W. Shaw, each supply one Sabbath at Hopewell, and Revd Messrs C. Johnston, and R. W. Lafferty each one Sabbath at Paw Creek during the absence of our commissioner, Revd W. B. Cunningham at the General Assembly.

Revd Messrs G. M. Gibbs, and E. G. Walker, to spend two sabbaths in Haywood.

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Communication from Secy of B. Board of Education.

A communication from the corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education being laid before Presbytery, it was on motion referred to the Executive committee on education, and that they be directed to furnish the necessary information.

Leave of absence granted.

The Revd Messrs Wm. A. Hall, A. Baker, and S. Frontis, together with Ruling Elders Messrs McCall, McCulloch, and Howell, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening.

Absence granted

Revd G. M. Gibbs obtained leave of absence for a part of the day to-morrow.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, April 13th 1850

8 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

Appeal of J. M. Basinger

The Appeal of John M. Basinger from the decision of the session of Rehoboth church was, on motion, taken up.

The Moderator solemnly announced from the chair that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial; and he enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character, as judges of a court of Jesus Christ, and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

1. The Sentence appealed from was then read.
2. The reasons assigned for the appeal were read.
3. The whole record of the inferior court was read.
4. The original parties were heard.
5. An opportunity was then afforded for members of the inferior court to speak in explanation of the grounds of their decision.
6. Parties withdrew from the house.
7. The roll was then called for members of Presbytery to express their opinion.

Revd Messrs W. W. Shaw, and J. C. McPherson, and Ruling Elder Mr David Johnston were excused from voting in this case.

Not sustained.

8. The final vote was then taken. Whereupon it appeared that the Appeal was not sustained. The vote being, Sustain 4: Not Sustain 17.

Question for the Gen. Ass. postponed.

The paper on the religious observance of the 4th of July was taken up, and after some discussion, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Charlotte, Saturday, April 13th 1850.

Narrative for the Gen. Ass.

The committee on the narrative presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows: viz;

Narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery of Concord. Another ecclesiastical year has expired, and the Presbytery of Concord presents to the General Assembly of our church the following brief narration. As to the greater part of our churches we have nothing special to relate. The public means of grace are administered and enjoyed, and no declension in the attendance of the people has been perceived.

As special features which have marked the past year we mention, more than usual attention paid to instruction given in Sabbath Schools. Attention has also been paid to prayer meetings & the monthly concert as well as to preaching to the colored people. The contributions of most of our churches to our several Boards have been about as usual. Respecting some of our churches however with gratitude to our Divine Master we are permitted to say that the Holy Spirit has manifested his power in convincing and converting sinners and in reviving the people of God. The churches of Rocky River Charlotte, Philadelphia, Bethpage, Bethesda, Concord, and Third Creek, have been signally blessed. The first of these has received between 90 and 100 members, the second between 20 and 30, the third between 15 and 20, and the fourth between 40 and 50. The called churches have shared in a delightful influence. One of the good effects which have resulted from these revivals is an increased attention to the benevolent objects of the church, to which larger contributions have been made in some instances than during the previous year.

It is with unfeigned pleasure we state that greater attention has been given to doctrinal instruction on the plan of "Wades Questions on the Confession of Faith." The youth of the church have also been instructed in the Shorter Catechism.

We are gratified to state that some of our churches which have been destitute of the services of the Sanctuary are now supplied; and that the state of religion among them is encouraging. There are now 4 Missionaries labouring with considerable promise in our bounds.

But notwithstanding these facts we are constrained to state that irreligion, ungodliness, and sin are still abounding within our borders and that watchfulness, and fidelity, and prayer are needed on the part of ministers and people to promote holiness of heart and the salvation of sinners.

In view of these called facts, and also of the encouragement which the Bible provides to trust in the promises of the Lord, we regard it the solemn duty of all members of our churches to wrestle with God in importunate prayer that he would pour out his Spirit on all schools, Academies and Colleges so that many young men may be constrained by the love of Christ to preach his unsearchable riches to their dying fellow men. We should pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers into the harvest, for the harvest truly is great but the labourers are few.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

S. Frontis
S. E. Thaxs
Wm King
} Com.

Charlotte, Saturday, April 13th 1850.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and is as follows: viz;

The Trustees of Davidson College Respectfully Report to the Presbytery of Concord.

That they have been thus far favoured in the Providence of God in their laudable undertaking to build up a college in Western North Carolina, that by the liberality of the people they have been enabled to prepare suitable buildings for the accommodation of 80 students, and for the Faculty; and during the past year they have completed a house for the President at a cost of $2.100.00, of which there remains about $800.00 to be paid. The literary societies have finished their Halls, neat and elegant Buildings at a cost of about $2.500.00 ctr. each. These buildings add much to the appearance and advantages of the College. The number of students at present is 67.

The ordinary conduct of the students for the last nine months has been highly gratifying and with a few exceptions, their application to study has been good.

Religious exercises have been well attended, the preaching in the Chapel every Sabbath morning, Bible class every afternoon, and preaching in the evening. The students keep up a regular weekly prayer meeting which is well attended.

The Board learn with regret that Dr Foote the Prof. elected last Dec. declines coming, and believing it very important to the interest of the College that a third Prof. be obtained as soon as practicable they respectfully recommend to the Presbyteries to elect such Prof. as soon as it may be convenient.

The college holds as per report of the Treasurer funds to about $33.000 vested for the support of Professors and is clear of debt, except some $600 balance on the cost of the dwelling house just completed.

The tuition fees for the last collegiate year amounted to $2.118, and for the present year will be about the same.

We would record with gratitude the success of our infant Institution, having now commenced its 14th year under favourable prospects, and having sent out into the world over a hundred graduates, many of whom rank with the most promising young men of our country in the different learned professions.

Respectfully submitted
Walter S. Thaxs.

Board of Trs. to report annually.

On motion, Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Davidson College be directed to report to Presbytery annually at its Spring sessions what class of the trustees go out of office each year.

Agent recommended for D. College.

Presbytery Recommend the Board of Trustees of D. College if deemed expedient to appoint an agent or agents with a view to the further endowment of the Institution.

Rev. J. M. W. Adams returns his call from Third Creek.

The Rev J. M. W. Adams being called on to answer to the call from the congregation of Third Creek, asked leave to retain it in his hands until the next regular meeting of Presbytery; this request was granted.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Charlotte for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during the present sessions, and that this resolution be read by the Pastor at discretion.

Adjournment of Pres.

On motion, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Davidson College on Wednesday before the second Thursday in August (being Aug. 7th 1850) at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly for the year closing with April 13th 1856.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly that they consist of Thirty One Ministers and have under their care Fifty Six Churches, Two Licentiates, and Two Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office Address.	Communicants: White members	Communicants: Added on cert.	Communicants: Colrd com.	Communicants: Total com.	Baptisms: Adults	Baptisms: Infants	Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Freedmen raised for their Instruction	Commissioners' Fund	Contingent Fund	Miscellaneous
Rev. Walter L. Pharr, P.	Mallard creek, S. Hamch. S.S.	Mill Grove, N. C.	10	3		260	5	12	39	28	5				50	60
" R. H. Morrison, D.D., S.S.	Unity (Lincoln Co.) S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	8	1	5	60			30	30				5.00	50	55
" S. Williamson, D.D. Pres. P.	Davidson College Church, P.	Davidson College, N.C.	1	2	4	25		2	6	32	16			5.00	50	10
" S. Frontis, S.S.	Thyatira & Centre, S.S.	Mount Mourne N.C.	8		35	143	3	7	15	1	2			4.00	50	25
" C. Johnston, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	27	8	8	88	4	3	61	55	24	28		8.00	50	50
" H. N. Pharr, P.	Concord, P.	Statesville, N.C.	26	3		219	2	6		5				5.00	50	11
" D. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	100	2	149	576	13	29		63	30	8		7.50	50	
" John De Roy Davies, P.	Prospect, P.	Deep Well, N.C.				250										
" Wm. A. Hall, P.	Unity (Raven) & Yadkin, P.	Mocksville, N.C.	7	2	45	147	4	2		18				4.50		
" A. L. Watts, P.	Steel Creek, & Pleasant Hill, P.	Ramsburg, N.C.	46		52	250	14	27		36				7.50	50	62
" D. Lindley, P.M.	Shiloh, S.S.	Port Natal, South Africa.	17		2	41	4	9								
" Thos. L. Johnston, P.M.	Salem, S.S.	Smyrna, Asia Minor	3	1	2	81		4	7					3.00		13
" J. M. W. Adamas, Elect.	Third Creek, P. Elect.	Cowanesville, N.C.	2	2	65	171		3							51	
" J. E. Morrison, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.	3	2	8	81		3	28	26				2.50	51	30
" Jas. D. Hall, S.S.	New Hope, & Goshen, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.	17	1		218								3.00		
" S. B. C. Wilson, Prof.	Rutherfordton, & Burnsville, P.					25										
" J. M. Wilson, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.	5	2		90	1	1	13	12					50	
" Wm. N. Morrison, S.S.	Rhems Creek, & Savannanee, S.S.	Savannanee, N.C.				66										
" S. Murray	Philadelphia P. & Union, P.					151										
" H. B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell & Pine Creek, P.	Alexandriana, N.C.	22	1	45	360	3	32	6	12	8	10		7.00	51	110
" A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	7	5	15	110	2	7	32	35		16		6.00	51	15
" E. F. Rockwell, P.	Fourth Creek, P.	Statesville, N.C.		1		87		13	15	16					50	
" J. E. McPherson, S.S.	Hiwassee, & Ebenezer, S.S.	Franklin, N.C.	3		6	74	2	5		15					51	11
" W. W. Pharr, P.	Poplar Tent & Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N.C.	34	7	55	300	5	15	22	39				7.50	51	8
" G. M. Gibbs, S.S.	Marion, & Siloam, S.S.	Marion, N.C.	7	1	3	57		5							1.00	100
" Thos. E. Davis, P.	Back creek & Bethesda, P.	Mount Ulla, N.C.	14	3	26	162	4	12	17	7				4.51	50	21
" Wm. C. Sutton, S.S.	Lebanon, S.S.	Morven, N.C.	11		4	44	3	2	20					2.00		10
" R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar Creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	13	3	51	215	4	8	41	43		8		6.00	50	26
" S. C. Pharr, P.	Providence, & Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	19	1		242	3	6	32	32				6.00	51	
" P. H. Dalton, P.	Bethany & Tabor, P.					151										
" E. G. Walker, P. 31	Little Britain, Duncans Creek, & Hamill, P.	Logan's Store, N.C.	6			155		15							51	31
Licentiates 2.	Lincolnton, V. & Long creek, V.					51										
A. D. McNeely	Fifth Creek, V. and Bethel, V.					51										
Peter Tinsley Penick	Olney, V. Franklin, S.S.					100										
Candidates 2	Wilkesboro, S.S. Asheville, V.		1			15		5								
			412	15	581	5125	76	239	389	515	85	71		14.00	11.00	695

The Presbytery of Concord further report, that on the 11th day of July 1849, they deposed from the Office of the Gospel Ministry, the Rev. James H. Thomson, and suspended him from the sealing ordinances of the church; that on the 25th Oct 1849, they received under their care Mr. Pleasant H. Dalton, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day, they received under their care Mr. Elnathan G. Walker, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Charleston; that on the same day, they dismissed Mr. Thaddeus C. Crawford, a licentiate under their care, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cherokee; that on the same day, they dissolved the church of Smyrna, and directed its members to transfer their membership to Shiloh, when it becomes organized; that on the same day, they received as a member from the Presbytery of Orange the Rev. Wm C. Sutton; that on the 3d day of Nov. 1849, they licensed Mr. Peter Tinsley Penick to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 1st day of Dec. 1849, they ordained Mr. Pleasant H. Dalton to the work of the holy ministry, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Tabor; that on the 15th day of Dec. 1849, they ordained to the work of the holy ministry Mr. Elnathan G. Walker, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Little Britain, and Duncan's Creek; that on the 22d day of Dec. 1849, they organized the church of Asheville; and that on the 21st day of Jan. 1850, they organized the church of Shiloh.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Charlotte N.C. April 19th 1850.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

N.B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz. Revs. Messrs J. McRae Davies, D. Lindsay, Thos. J. Johnston, S.B.O. Wilson, Wm. N. Morrison, S. Murray, and T. H. Dalton.

Davidson College, N.C.
Wednesday, Aug 7th 1850.
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to ajournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. E.F. Rockwell. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Messrs W.S. Pharr	Messrs Joseph Smith,
S. Frontis,	Wm Emerson,
C. Johnston,	R.C. Carson,
H.N. Pharr	
W.A. Hall,	S. Trott,
A.L. Watts,	J.H. McDowell,

Davidson College, Wednesday Aug 7th 1850.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Messrs J.M.H. Adams,	Messrs Jacob Brighey,
J.E. Morrison,	D. Coleman,
J.D. Hall,	R.M. Alexander,
H.B. Cunningham,	W.D. Alexander
A. Baker,	D.A. Davis,
E.F. Rockwell,	
J.E. Davis,	Ebenezer M. Neely,
R.H. Lafferty,	
S.C. Pharr,	Wm Rose,
S.B.O. Wilson,	Alex. Sutton, Bethel church.
D.A. Penick	Walter F. Pharr,
W.W. Pharr,	C.W. Harris, M.D.
	David Ramsay, Prospect church;
	C.L. Hunter, M.D. Unity church, (Lincoln)
	M. Johnston, College church;
	Hugh R. Wall, Bethany church.

It was then moved that Presbytery now take a recess, to meet at the call of the Moderator, for the purpose of going into convention with the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville to nominate a Professor to the chair of Natural Science in Davidson College.

After recess.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator at 4 o'clock P.M. The Resolution adopted by the Presbyteries assembled in convention was laid before Presbytery, and read, and is as follows, viz:

It was, on motion, resolved, that this Convention recommend to the Presbyteries here assembled, the Rev E.F. Rockwell, as a suitable candidate for the Professorship of "Natural Science" in Davidson College.

A true extract from the minutes of the convention.

(Signed) Stephen Frontis, Secy.

Davidson College, August 7th 1850.

On motion Presbytery proceeded to the election of a Professor to fill the chair of Natural Science in Davidson College, which resulted in the choice of Rev. E.F. Rockwell of Statesville, N.C. The vote was as follows viz: For Rev E.F. Rockwell 27. Blanks 4.

The Stated clerk was ordered to transmit a copy of the above minute to the President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

Davidson College, Wednesday, Aug. 7th 1850

Mr. John J. Harry, a member of the church of Hopewell, was introduced to Presbytery to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate with a view to enter the gospel ministry. On motion he was examined in experimental religion; and on his views and motives in seeking the office of the holy ministry. This examination was sustained, and Mr. Harry was taken under the care of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Taylorsville, Alexander county N. C. on Wednesday Sept 25th 1850 at 7 o'clock P. M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

E. F. Rockwell, Mod'r
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without proceeding any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. Messrs R. H. Morrison, D.D. John Lacy Davies, D. Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, John M. Wilson, W. L. Morrison, D. Murray, J. E. McPherson, G. M. Gibbs, W. C. Sutton, T. H. Dalton, and E. G. Walker.

Thus far Examined & Approved.
Adam Filchrist
Moderator
Centre church Rowan Co. N.C.
Oct 15. 1850.

Taylorsville, Alexander Co. N. C.
Wednesday, Sept. 25th 1850
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. E. F. Rockwell, from 1 Cor. III. 9. For we are labourers together with God: ye are Gods husbandry, ye are Gods building: Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr,	Messrs. Thos. H. Hamilton,
C. Johnston,	Joseph H. Wilson,
H. N. Pharr,	Wm. Morrison,
J. A. Penick,	John M. Black,
Wm. A. Hall,	Richard Sowrie,
J. M. H. Adams,	Thos. A. Burke,
S. B. C. Wilson,	
J. M. Wilson,	E. J. Erwin,
A. Baker,	J. J. Brevard,
E. F. Rockwell,	Moses Heaps,
J. E. McPherson,	
W. W. Pharr,	John M. Cannon,
G. M. Gibbs,	
Thos. E. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	Wm Parks,
S. C. Pharr,	
	D. D. Ramsey, Prospect church,
	Matt. McCall, Thio church,
	James A. Hill, Bethany church,
	Jas. Montgomery, Fifth creek church.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. S. B. C. Wilson for Moderator, and Rev. Messrs J. M. H. Adams, and W. W. Pharr, temporary clerks.

The moderator elect was inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

The Rev. R. N. Davis, a member of the Presbytery of Lexington, Va. and the Rev. Neill McDonald, a member of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the court house to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Taylorsville, Thursday, Sept 26th 1850.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 9 o'clock A.M. and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Corresponding member. The Rev. Jesse Rankin, a member of Orange Presbytery, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Mr. Wm. Matheson, Ruling Elder from Salem church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read.

Report from those appointed to do missionary work. Those brethren who were appointed at the last meeting to perform missionary labour made their reports, when it appeared that some had complied with the order of Presbytery and others had not.

Members appear in Presbytery. The Rev. J. A. Hall, and Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. appeared in Presbytery, and having given satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats. Mr. Thos. Gingles, Ruling Elder from Goshen church, and Mr. Abner McCoy, Ruling Elder from the church of Lincolnton, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

Mr. B. S. Beall received. Mr. Benjamin S. Beall, a Licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Orange was received, on certificate, under the care of this Presbytery.

Rev. R. N. Davis received from Lexington Pres. The Rev. R. N. Davis, a member of Lexington Presbytery, presented a letter of dismission from said Presbytery with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery. After the usual examination, and this examination being satisfactorily sustained, he was received as a regular member of this body.

Com. appointed. The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator.

On Devotional Exercises: Rev. Messrs. W. S. Rhea, J. C. Rhea and Mr. J. M. Black.

Supplies: Rev. Messrs. H. N. Rhea, Wm. A. Hall, and Mr. Wm. Morrison.

Minutes of Gen. Assembly: Rev. Messrs. C. Johnston, A. Baker, and Mr. Jas. H. Wilson.

Narrative for Synod: Rev. Messrs. N. A. Penick, J. M. Wilson, and Mr. E. J. Ervin.

Judicial committee: Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D. Rev. E. Davis, and Mr. J. M. Cannon.

Order of the day. It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear in reports on the state of religion in the different churches, to the com. on the narrative.

Rev. S. Murray dismissed. The Rev. Samuel Murray requested, through Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. to be dismissed from this Presbytery, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Richland. His request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

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W. O. D. McNeely dismissed. Mr. O. D. McNeely a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery requested to be dismissed, with a view of putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was ordered to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Call from Phila. and Union church. A Call from the churches of Philadelphia and Union for the pastoral services of Mr. P. D. Penick was laid before Presbytery, which being read and found to be in order, was placed in the hands of Mr. Penick for consideration.

Pastoral relation dissolved. A united request from the Rev. John DeRoy Davies and the congregation of Prospect was presented to Presbytery praying for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between them. This request was granted, and the church of Prospect was declared vacant.

J. DeRoy Davies dismissed. A request from the Rev. John DeRoy Davies being laid before Presbytery asking to be dismissed from this Presbytery with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel. Whereupon it was

Resolved. That the request be granted, and that the Rev. John DeRoy Davies be, and he hereby is dismissed from this Presbytery with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel.

Mackpelah church organized. The Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. having been authorized by Presbytery to organize a church, at discretion, at a point where he had been preaching statedly, reported: That he had on the 25th day of May 1850 organized a church by name Mackpelah, consisting of 4 Ruling Elders, and 6 private members. The name of this church was placed on the roll.

Report of com. on installation. The committee appointed to install Rev. J. W. Dalton pastor of the church of Bethany, reported that in consequence of affliction Mr. Dalton was not permitted to attend, and consequently he had not been installed.

Report of com. on installation. The committee appointed to install the Rev. E. G. Walker pastor of the church of Drusilla reported, that they found that the way was not open for that installation. The committee was discharged.

Report of com. on Legacy. The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to attend to a legacy said to be conditionally left to Presbytery for the cause of education, (See page 288) reported, that they had attended to the business assigned them, and find that the Legatees have been found, and that the money has been paid over to them, and therefore Presbytery can receive nothing. The report was accepted, and the com. discharged.

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Board of Trustees of Davidson College report.

The Board of Trustees of Davidson College laid their report before Presbytery, which was read and laid on the table.

Stated clerk to report to Board of Trustees the names of members elected.

It was resolved. That the Stated clerk be directed to report to the President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College the names of the members of the Board immediately after their election.

Board of Trustees to report in the fall.

It was resolved. That the Board of Trustees be requested to make an annual report in relation to the state of the College at the fall meeting of the Presbytery, including the number of Trustees to be elected at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Next meeting of Pby.

It was resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the Church of Unity Rowan Co. N.C. on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1852 at 11 o'clock A.M.

The Rev. J.E. Morrison appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

2 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. The Rev. Wm C Sutton appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat. ✓

Pastoral relation dissolved.

The Rev. E.P. Rockwell requested that the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Fourth Creek be dissolved; and the church uniting in this request. Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted;

Whereas the Rev. E.P. Rockwell has given notice to Presbytery of his wish to resign the charge of Fourth creek congregation in order to his removal to Davidson College, and the Presbytery are duly informed that said congregation assents to this request. Therefore

Resolved. That the pastoral relation of Rev. E.P. Rockwell and the congregation of Fourth creek be and that it hereby is dissolved; and that congregation declare vacant; and that the Rev. D.A. Penick be appointed to preach said church on 29th inst. and make known that fact to the congregation with the reasons thereof.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the Devotional Sermon.

Popery sermon.

The Rev. R.H. Lafferty was appointed to preach the Sermon on Popery at our next semi-annual meeting.

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Report of com. on devotional exercises.

The committe on devotional exercises presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

1st Psalmody by Rev. A. Baker. 2d Prayer by Rev Wm. A. Wall. 3d Reading the scriptures by Rev. D.A. Penick. 4th Address by Rev. H.N. Thorn. 5th Psalmody by Rev. J.E. McPherson. 6th Prayer and Benediction by the Moderator; and that these exercises commence to-morrow at 2 o'clock P.M.

Contingent fund for Synod.

The members were called upon to contribute to the contingent fund of Synod; Whereupon it was resolved that each member of Presbytery be assessed $1.50 cts.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock P.M.

7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met. The Rev. H.R. Cunningham appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on supplies presented their report and after some discussion, and amendments being recommended, it was recommitted.

Report of com. on the minutes of Gen. Assembly.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report which, after some discussion was recommitted.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on supplies presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to make out a list of supplies for vacant churches and congregations, report as follows.

Fifth creek, Rev. H.N. Thorn one Sabbath.

Fourth creek, Rev. Messrs E.P. Rockwell, and D.A. Penick, each one Sabbath.

Bethany, Rev. Messrs J.E. Davis, and B.L. Beall, one Sabbath and administer the Lords supper.

Tabor, Rev. Messrs J.M.H. Adams and Wm. A. Wall, one Sabbath and administer the Lords Supper.

Rutherfordton, Rev. R.H. Morrison D.D. and Rev. R.N. Davis administer the Lords supper.

Prospect, Rev. J.B.O. Wilson two Sabbaths.

Asheville, Rev. Messrs J.M.H. Adams and J.M. Wilson, one Sabbath, and administer the Lords supper.

Shelby, Rev. Messrs J.L. Hall, and R.N. Davis one Sabbath together.

Prospect, Rev. J.B.O. Wilson two Sabbaths.

Wadesboro, Rev. Messrs A.L. Watts, D.J. Penick, C. Johnston, D.A. Penick, J.E. Morrison, and A. Baker, one Sabbath each.

Monroe - Rev. S.C. Hard two Sabbaths, and Rev. Messrs H.R. Cunningham, and R.H. Lafferty one Sabbath each.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8½ o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read, and corrected.

Mr. J. S. Bear taken under the care of Presbytery.

Mr. James S. Bear, a member of Back creek church was introduced to Presbytery by Rev. J. E. Davis, with a view to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry: Whereupon Mr. Bear was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry. This examination being sustained, he was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

com. to examine Mr. Bear.

The Revs. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, J. E. Davis, R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Mr. J. H. Wilson were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Bear on the languages and sciences.

The Rev. E. G. Walker appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Statistical Report for Synod.

The Stated clerk presented the statistical report of Presbytery, which was approved, and he was ordered to forward it to Synod.

Report of com. on the narrative.

The committee on the narrative of the state of religion presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and it was ordered that it be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion in the churches under the care of Presbytery to be forwarded to Synod, respectfully submit the following; viz; The Presbytery of Concord report to Synod that no special or strongly marked change in the state of religion in our churches has occurred during the past year. Official reports have been received from only some 25 churches. A few of these are represented as being in a discouraged and declining state - the rest are believed to be in a flourishing condition - growing in strength, soundness of doctrine, and active piety - having received an accession of upwards of two hundred members during the year; whilst several have enjoyed special and precious seasons of grace.

Only a few churches have reported special attention and instruction to the coloured people. We have reason to fear that the spiritual interests of this class of our population have been too much overlooked and neglected.

Nearly all the reports indicate a good attendance, and many a solemn and encouraging attention upon the ministrations of the word and ordinances.

It is matter of deep regret that so many of our churches, (some of which too enjoy the stated means of grace,) are doing so little - (some, it is

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pressed, nothing at all) in behalf of any of the benevolent operations of the church. Whilst we mourn over this standing reproach, we are encouraged to know that an increasing number of our churches is growing in the purpose and habit of making annual and liberal contributions to all the benevolent operations of the church. In proportion as this spirit of a cordial, and an enlarged benevolence is cherished and acted out, we find religion to be in a flourishing state among our people.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, J. M. Wilson, E. J. Erwin } Com.

Report of com. on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly, and to bring to the notice of Presbytery such matters as may seem to require their attention and action beg leave to call the special attention of Presbytery to a Resolution found on page 461, and a form of simplified and enlarged tables of statistical Reports found on page 468 of the printed minutes.

The Resolution is in these words; viz;

"Resolved - That in view of the widely extending operations of the Board (of Domestic Missions) and the consequently increasing need of funds, it be earnestly recommended to all the churches to make new and strenuous efforts to enlarge their pecuniary contributions in aid of all the objects contemplated by the Board, a duty that we are greatly encouraged to press upon the churches from the fact stated in the report, that during the past year much more has been received into the Treasury from church collections than in former years."

Your committee recommend that Presbytery to apply, in our case, the recommendation here given to make new and strenuous efforts to raise funds for the Board of Domestic Missions, to all the great benevolent enterprises before the churches; and to carry the same into rigorous and full effect by adopting and filling up the form of statistical tables recommended by the Assembly in these words viz;

I. "That a column for the whole number of families be inserted in the form of congregational and Presbyterial reports.

II. That the form of reports as to collections be hereafter as follows;

(1) For Domestic Missions: to include all moneys collected for the purpose, and

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church extension, whether for the Boards, or any of the judicatories of the church.

(2) Foreign Missions; including all moneys for that purpose.

(3) Education; including all that is given for the education of candidates for the ministry; for Theological Seminaries, Presbyterian colleges, academies, parochial, and Sabbath Schools.

(4) Publication; All moneys for the Board of Publication, and for synodical and Presbyterial depositories, and colportage.

(5) Presbyterial; to include Commissioners and contingent funds, and contributions for the support of aged ministers.

(6) Congregational; all moneys contributed for the congregation, as pastors salaries, building and repairing churches, liquidation of debts, and current expenses.

(7) Miscellaneous; including all other collections."

With a view of carrying into full effect the spirit of the above mentioned resolution, and form of statistical tables within our bounds in all our churches your committee earnestly recommend to Presbytery the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1st Resolved- That each church session be enjoined to aid and encourage the great benevolent enterprises of the church, and that they make a record of their action, and report to the spring sessions of Presbytery, in accordance with the form of statistical tables as recommended by the Assembly.

2d Resolved- That each pastor, stated ministerial supply, and session be held as chargable with a neglect of duty, who may fail to bring to the view of their people the great objects of benevolent christian enterprize with a view to contributions as embraced in the foregoing resolution, and recommendation of the Assembly.

3d Resolved- That the session of a vacant church, when receiving a Presbyterial supply, should embrace the privilege and duty of having the attention of their congregation directed in favour of some one of the benevolent enterprizes in which the church is engaged.

4th Resolved- That this Presbytery deem it dutiful to devote more of the time of its sessions after the example of our General Assembly in devising ways and means for the promotion and extension of the Redeemers kingdom; and with a view of securing this increased attention, Presbytery is recommended to fix an hour, and make it the order of the day to hear reports of agents and committees, who may have in charge the several objects of christian benevolent enterprise.

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5th Resolved- Finally that this report be published in the Presbyterian, and Watchman and Observer, and that it be read by each minister from the pulpit to our several congregations.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.
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Cyrus Johnston,
A. Baker,
J. H. Wilson.

Presbytery's statistical report to be read to all our congregs.

It was Resolved- That each Pastor and stated supply, be required to read the report which Presbytery shall prepare in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly, to each of their charges after the Spring sessions of Presbytery, when the Assembly's printed minutes are received.

Those brethren, in whose hands calls have been placed by Presbytery, were called on to answer these calls.

Call from Phila. and Union accepted.

Mr. P. D. Penick signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hands from the united congregations of Philadelphia and Union.

Both Rev. Thos. and Adams permitted to retain calls in their hands.

Rev. Messrs. W. L. Thorn, and J. M. W. Adams, not being prepared to give an answer to calls which they have been holding were permitted to retain them until the next semi-annual meeting of Pres'y.

Report of com. on examin. of Mr. Barr.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Barr reported, that they had examined the candidate on the whole of his literary course, and recommend that this examination be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial preparatory to licensure. This report was accepted and adopted.

Parts for trial assigned.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr. Barr as parts of trial; viz: For Sation Exegesis, An peccatum propagatium sit."

Critical exercise, I. Tet III. 18-21. Lecture, Ps CXXV. Sermon, II. Cor. V. 21.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the Methodist church.

After recess.

Doctrinal sermon preached.

Presbytery met. The Doctrinal Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Morrison from II. Cor. V. 1. Subject, Of the Assurance of Grace and salvation. Ch. XVIII. Confession of Faith.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. to meet in the Court House.

2 o'clock P. M.

After recess Presbytery met. Mr. Ira Parks, Ruling Elder from Sugar creek obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

It was brought to the notice of Presbytery that there are difficulties existing in the church of Little Britain which should be

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Commission to visit Little Britain.

brought to a speedy termination. It was therefore Resolved - That Revd Messrs. John M. Wilson, G. M. Gibbs, and Ruling Elders, Messrs E. J. Erwin, and J. H. Greenleaf be appointed a commission to visit the church of Little Britain, with a view to settle existing difficulties.

Arrangements to ordain Mr. P. J. Penick.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted, Whereas Mr. P. J. Penick has signified his acceptance of the call from the united congregations of Philadelphia and Union to become their pastor. Therefore - Resolved - That this Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Philadelphia church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in Nov. at 11 o'clock A.M. - That Mr. P. J. Penick be required to preach a sermon on Ep. II. 10. and prepare for examination as directed by our constitution:

Resolved further That if these parts of trial should be approved, and the Presbytery should see the way to be open to proceed to the ordination of Mr. Penick - That Revd D. A. Penick preside and preach the sermon, and that Revd W. W. Thorn be his alternate; Revd R. H. Lafferty deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Revd W. Thorn be his alternate; that Revd C. Johnston deliver the charge to the people, and Revd J. E. Morrison be his alternate.

education cause.

It was Resolved - That all the ministers be enjoined to take up a collection immediately for the education cause, and forward the same to the Treasurer.

devotional exercises.

Presbytery then attended to the order of the day for 2 o'clock P.M. viz; the devotional exercises of Presbytery.

vote of thanks.

It was Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the families of this place and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during this meeting; also to the officers of the Methodist E. Church for the use of their house of worship, and Mr. Bull be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

abstract of minutes to be published.

Resolved - That the Stated Clerk be ordered to have published in the Presbyterian, and Watchman and Observer an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting of Presbytery. The minutes of to day were read and corrected.

Presbytery then adjourned to meet at Centre church Robeson Co. N. C. during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

J. B. O. Wilson, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. Absent - Revd Messrs. S. Williamson, D.D., S. Frontis, A. L. Watts, A. Lindley, T. J. Johnston, W. N. Morrison, L. Murray, T. H. Dalton.

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1850.

Statistical Report.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of thirty ministers, and have under their care fifty seven congregations, two licentiates, and four candidates: that on the 3d day of Nov. 1849 they licensed Mr. P. J. Penick to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry: that on the 1st day of Dec. 1848 they ordained Mr. T. H. Dalton to the work of the holy ministry, and installed him Pastor of the congregation of Tabor: that on the 15th day of Dec. 1848 they ordained to the work of the holy ministry Mr. E. G. Wilkes and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Little Britain and Duncans creek: that on the 22d day of Dec. 1849 they organized the church of Asheville, that on the 20th day of Jan. 1850 they organized the church of Shiloh; that on the 26th day of May 1850 they organized the church of Mackpelah; that on the 26th day of Sept 1850 they received, as a member from the Presbytery of Lexington Revd R. N. Davis; that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Benjamin L. Beall, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Revd J. LeRoy Davies and the congregation of Prospect, and declared said congregation to be vacant; that on the same day they dismissed the Revd J. LeRoy Davies with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the same day they dismissed the Revd Samuel Murray with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. O. A. McNeely, a licentiate under their care, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Revd E. F. Rockwell and the congregation of Fourth creek, and declared said congregation vacant.

By order of the Presbytery
R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

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Meeting of Synod.

Centre Church, Robeson Co. N. C.
Friday Morning, Oct. 18th 1850

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in Centre Church, Roberson Co. at the call of the Moderator, and was constituted with prayer. Present, Revs. Messrs. W. W. Hay, D. A. Penick, A. L. Wilds, J. E. Morrison, E. J. Rockwell, H. B. Cunningham, W. W. Hay, A. Baker, and P. H. Dalton.

Rev. P. H. Dalton asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and the congregation of Tabor. Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were adopted, viz:

Whereas Rev. P. H. Dalton, in consequence of ill health requests the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and Tabor congregation: And the Presbytery not having constitutional information in relation to the willingness of the congregation to comply with his request. Therefore it was

Resolved. That the request of Rev. P. H. Dalton be over until the adjourned meeting of Presbytery to be held at Philadelphia church on Thursday before the second Sabbath of Nov. and in the meantime the congregation be cited to show cause why the request of Rev. P. H. Dalton should not be granted: and that the call from Bethany church be returned to Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Philadelphia church, on Thursday before the second Sabbath of Nov. at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

Walter W. Hay Temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

Philadelphia Church.

Thursday, Nov. 7th 1850.
11 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was called to order, and constituted with prayer by the Rev. C. Johnston.

Present

Rev. Messrs.	Ruling Elders
C. Johnston,	Messrs. R. H. Morrison,
D. A. Penick,	Samuel Caldwell,
R. H. Lafferty	Wm. Beaver, Philad. Church,
	B. Muse, Union Church.

The Rev. C. Johnston was appointed Moderator of Presbytery, and Rev. R. H. Lafferty temporary clerk.

Presbytery then proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. D. J. Penick preparatory to his ordination.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mr. Zebulon Morris at 3½ o'clock P. M.

3½ o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the examination of Mr. Penick.

Mr. Wm. Beaver obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning.

Rev. Messrs. W. W. Hay and P. H. Dalton, appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Mr. D. J. Penick having been examined on all points according to the directions given in the "Form of Government," his examination was brought to a close, and it was

Resolved. That this examination in all its parts be sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will proceed to the ordination of Mr. Penick to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. according to former arrangements.

Rev. P. H. Dalton renewed his request which he made to Presbytery during the meeting of Synod; viz: that the pastoral relation between himself and Tabor congregation be dissolved: and Presbytery being constitutionally informed that the congregation of Tabor will raise no objection to the granting of this request: the request was thereupon granted and the congregation was declared vacant.

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Rev. R.H. Dalton returned to Presbytery the call from Bethany congregation, which was ordered to be returned to said congregation.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Nov. 8th 1850.
11 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Members present as on yesterday. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the ordination services of Mr. P.J. Penick. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. D.A. Penick from 1. Tim. IV. 15. "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them: that thy profiting may appear to all." After which he recited in the audience of the people the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to this transaction; and pointed out the nature and importance of ordination, and the solemnity of the transaction.

He then proposed to the candidate, and also to the united congregations of Philadelphia and Union the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr. Peter Tinsley Penick was then by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry.

Rev. R.H. Safferty delivered the charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. C. Johnston delivered the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Unity church, Rowan Co. N.C. on Thursday before the second Sabbath in April 1851 at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer, singing, and the apostolic benediction.

C. Johnston, Mod'r
R.H. Safferty Stated Clerk.

Unity church, Rowan Co. N.C.

Thursday, April 10th 1851.
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. E.F. Rockwell, the last Moderator, from Heb. V. 4. "And no man taketh this honour unto "himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron". Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis,	Messrs. Thos. Todd,
C. Johnston,	Alexander Graham,
H.K. Thorn,	
D.A. Penick,	R.H. Morrison,
W.A. Hall,	J.C. Ford,
J.M.H. Adams,	Wm. B. Wood,
J.E. Morrison,	A.H. Mofs,
J.D. Hall,	
H.B. Cunningham,	F.L. Monteith,
A. Baker,	Thos. L. Cowan,
E.F. Rockwell,	
W.W. Thorn,	Wm. S. Harris,
Thos. E. Davis,	J.F. McCorkle,
R.H. Safferty,	J.F. McNeely,
S.C. Thorn,	
R.N. Davis,	
	Cyrus Morrison, Thiladt. chh.
	N.J. McDowell, Unity chh. (Lincoln Co.)
	A.C. McIntosh, Salem chh.
	R.H. Hill, Bethany chh.
	David Ramsay, Prospect chh.
	Milas M. Bailey, Tabor chh.
	Thos B. Price, Steel creek chh.
	James Montgomery, Fifth creek chh.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J.M.H. Adams for Moderator, and Rev. H.B. Cunningham, and Mr. W.S. Harris, temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

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After recess.

Minutes read and a member excused

Presbytery met. Present as in the morning. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read. Rev. S. Frontis assigned reasons for being absent from said meeting, which were sustained.

Ruling Elder appeared in Pres.

Mr James Dunn, Ruling Elder from Providence church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Ruling Elder obtained leave of absence.

Mr J. F. McCorkle obtained leave of absence for this evening.

Report from those appointed to supply vacant churches

Those brethren who were appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to report as to the fulfillment of said appointments; when it appeared that some had performed the duty assigned them, and that others, for various reasons, had not.

Minutes of Synod and Board read.

The minutes of the of Presbytery, at Synod, and at Philadelphia, were read.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Gilbert Morgan of Orange Presbytery and Rev. J. D. Porter of Tombeckbee Presbytery, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Ruling Elder appeared in Pres.

Mr J. H. McCrorie, Ruling Elder from Fourth creek church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Letter of excuse from Rev. A. S. Watts.

A letter was received from Rev. A. S. Watts, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery. His excuse was sustained.

Petition from Salem and Wilkesboro.

A Petition from the sessions of Wilkesboro and Salem churches, praying that Mr B. S. Beall might be ordained as an evangelist, was read and referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs H. N. Shaw, A. Baker, and Mr R. H. Morrison.

It was ordered that Sessional Records be handed in forthwith.

Appointment of committees

The following committees were appointed; viz;
On Devotional exercises: Rev. Messrs W. A. Hall, J. E. Morrison, and Mr J. C. Ford.
On Supplies: Rev. Messrs J. D. Hall, E. F. Rockwell, and Mr J. C. McIntosh.
Minutes of Synod: Rev. Messrs. W. W. Shaw, Thos. E. Davis, and Mr J. F. McCorkle.
Judicial committee: Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick, H. N. Shaw, and Mr W. R. Wood.
On the Narrative: Rev. Messrs C. Johnston, J. C. Shaw, and Mr A. H. Moss.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes.

After recess.

Communication from Sharon Session

Presbytery met. A communication from Sharon Session was received and read, and committed to a special committee

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consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, W. W. Shaw, and Mr. M. M. Bailey.

Call from Wyatira.

A call from the congregation of Wyatira for the pastoral services of Rev. S. Frontis for one half of his time was laid before Presbytery and read, and placed in his hands for consideration.

Appointment of committees

The following committees on Sessional Records were appointed; viz; On the Records of Rocky River, Third creek, and Charlotte, Rev. J. E. Morrison, and Mr R. H. Hill.
Records of Salisbury, Shiloh, and College church, Rev. D. A. Penick, and Mr R. L. McDowell.
Records of Unity (Rowan), Joppa, and Franklin, Rev. Thos. E. Davis, and Mr J. H. McCrorie.
Records of Sharon, Fourth creek, and Long creek, Rev. C. Johnston, and Mr A. Graham.
Records of Hopewell, Paw creek, Salem, and Bethany, Rev. J. R. Hall, and Mr J. H. Cowan.
Records of Poplar Tent, Tabor, and Steel creek, Rev. S. Frontis, and Mr J. Dunn.
Records of Pleasant Hill, Back creek, Sugar creek, and Fifth creek, Rev. W. S. Shaw, and Mr David Ramsay.

Place and time of the next meeting of Pres.

It was resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Philadelphia, Mecklenburg county N. C. on Friday Oct 3d 1851 at 11 o'clock A. M.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 11 o'clock to hear the Sermon on Popery.

The order of the day for to morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the reports from Pastors and Sessions, and statistical reports.

The order of the day for to morrow at 2 o'clock P. M. to hear the report of Presbytery's Agent on Foreign Missions.

The order of the day for to morrow at 3 o'clock P. M. to hear the report of Presbytery's Treasurer on Education.

The order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to hear the Report on Domestic Missions.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was

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opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Session Books laid before Presbytery.

The Session Book of Thyatira church was laid before Presbytery, and placed in the hands of the committee on the Records of Unity. The Records of Bethpage was placed in the hands of the committee on Sharon Records.

The Records of Bethany church was placed in the hands of the committee on the Records of Hopewell church, and those of Concord town was placed in the hands of the committee on Poplar Tent Records.

Ruling Elder obtains leave of absence.

Letter of excuse from Rev. W. S. Sharp.

A letter was received from Rev. W. S. Sharp assigning reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

Report of com. on the devotional exercises.

Session book laid before Presbytery.

The sessional records of Ramah church were placed in the hands of the committee on Rocky River Records.

Session of New Hope ask instruction in relation to Mr. Freeman.

The Session of New Hope having informed Presbytery that Mr. James F. W. Freeman, a deposed minister of this Presbytery, has applied for admittance to the sealing ordinances of that church, and session asking the counsel of Presbytery in this case — the Presbytery adopted the following preamble and resolution — Forasmuch as Mr. J. F. W. Freeman is no longer a regular minister of the gospel, or an officer of the church, but is to be regarded as a minister deposed, under suspension from sealing ordinances — Resolved — That any church session which has satisfactory knowledge, and evidence of Mr. Freeman's evangelical repentance, is hereby authorised to act in his case, upon his application, as in the case of any private member of the church under suspension.

Commissioners to G. A. to be appointed.

Letter from Rev. E. G. Walker.

A letter was received from Rev. E. G. Walker, which was read and laid on the table. ✓

Absent member appears in Pres.

Rev. J. H. Dalton appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for his doings took his seat.

Order of the day taken up.

The hour having arrived, the order of the day was taken up, viz: hearing in statistical reports and pastoral reports from Sessions and churches.

Order of the day further postponed.

Eleven o'clock having arrived, the order of the day was postponed until the unfinished business should be completed.

Absent member appears in Pres.

Rev. J. J. Lewis appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for his doings took his seat.

Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes.

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After recess.

Presbytery met. The sermon in course was preached by Rev. R. H. Dagg from Titus 1. 16. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Miles M. Bailey obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Report of Agent of Foreign Missions.

The committee on Devotional exercises made their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz: Conducted by Rev. R. L. Davis, reading the scriptures by Rev. Gilbert Morrison, address by Rev. J. Baker, prayer by Rev. W. S. Sharp, laying on of hands and benediction by the Moderator and that these exercises be immediately upon the Domestic Missions.

Commissioners to G. A. appointed.

The appointment of Commissioners to the General Assembly was taken up, and Rev. J. Baker and Mr. Kh. Morrison, Ruling Elder were chosen Principals and Rev. S. C. Sharp and Mr. W. S. Harris, Ruling Elder, Alternates.

Ruling Elder obtains leave of absence.

Mr. Alexander Graham, Ruling Elder from Charlotte obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery on this evening.

It was Resolved, That those brethren who failed to make full Congressional reports to this Presbytery be directed to forward those reports to the stated clerk in time to have them incorporated in the general report to the General Assembly.

Rev. J. C. Morrison was appointed Treasurer pro tem. of Presbytery.

The order of the day was then taken up, viz: to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions. The Agent read his report for the Ecclesiastical year which was accepted and approved, and is as follows, viz: Your Agent in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions begs leave respectfully to submit the following report of the doings of the churches under your supervision and care during the ecclesiastical year, from April 1st 1850 to April 8th 1851. During that period he has received from the following sources the following sums of money, viz:

Rev. E. G. Walker	$ 15.
Rocky River church ($8.50 ch. Fd. & B. C. M.)	10.50

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Church of Unity (Lincoln)	$30.00
" " Providence	14.30
" Poplar Tent	18.55
" Mallard Creek	22.00
" " "	26.00
" Joppa	10.00
College church	20.00
Church of Unity (Rowan)	8.00
" Sugar creek	43.40
" Pleasant Hill	12.75
Mrs. J. R. Gillespie	1.00
Church of Steel creek	25.00
" Salisbury	35.00
" Concord	5.00
" Back creek	7.50
" Fourth creek	16.00
" Sharon	20.50
" Hopewell	12.50
" Ramah	6.40
Sabbath School of Presbyterian church, Charlotte	25.00
J. H. and M. J. Gruenler of Marion church	20.00
Church of Bethpage	13.00
" Ebenezer	5.61
" Wiwassee	4.39
Female Benevolent society of Poplar Tent	10.00
"A Friend in a Southern Church - a Widow"	10.00
Rocky River church additional	10.00
Church of Charlotte	67.75
Sugar creek church	48.35
Amount received during the year	$612.10
Deduct counterfeit bill	3.00
	$609.10

By examination of the foregoing list, it will be found to embrace a contribution from 22 of our churches - a contribution from one Benevolent Society - and from one Sabbath school - and also a contribution from six individuals. Two of the churches above named, made a second contribution during the ecclesiastical year.

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Report on Foreign Missions continued.

There are enrolled under the care of Concord Presbytery 56 churches of which 22 made a contribution to the Board of Foreign Missions, leaving 34 of which we have no knowledge that they have contributed any thing. It is hoped that when the spirit and letter of the resolutions adopted at the last fall sessions of Presbytery are fully carried out by ministers and sessions, a similar failure on the part of so many of our churches will not again occur.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your agent.

(Signed) Cyrus Johnston.

A resolution on the above subject was introduced, and after discussion, was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs C. Johnston, H. L. Shaw and Mr R. H. Hill.

Corresponding member.

Rev. Jesse Rankin of Orange Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of Agent on Education.

The order of the day was then taken up; viz; to hear the report of our Agent of education. The report was read, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

"Report of contributions to the Education committee of Concord Presbytery from April 11th 1850 to April 8th 1851. Received from Rev. J. E. Morrison as collected by him April 11th 1850 at Charlotte - viz:

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.	$5.00
A. Hoyle	5.00
Hopewell Church	8.00
M. Henderson	.50
Wm Brown	.50
A. L. Watts	1.00
W. A. Hall	1.00
— Howell	1.00
Rev. L. Frontis	2.00
Rev. W. L. Shaw	5.00
Received April 23d by R. H. Morrison from R. R.	.25
" June 15th by Rev. W. Hall from Joppa church	8.40
" " " " " " Unity church	3.10
" April 27th by Mr Cunningham from Hopewell church	9.00
" Aug. 8th by C. Johnston from Charlotte church	21.9[illegible]

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Received August 8th by Mr — from Franklin church	$ 4.50
" At Taylorsville by Rev. A. Baker from Salisbury church	27.00
" Sept. 20th of Miss M. K. Cosens	1.10
" Oct 6th from Concord Town	15.25
" " 14th by Rev. W. W. Thare from Poplar Tent	7.90
" " 18th " E. F. Rockwell from 4th creek church	11.11
" " " W. N. Thare " Concord church	8.81
" " 29th " Dr. Morrison " Unity church	10.00
" " " " Mr. Davis " Lincolnton church	8.00
" Nov. 15 from Mallard creek church	6.40
" " 25 by Mr. R. King from Back creek church	4.25
" " 27 " Rev. Geo. M. Gibbs from Marion and Siloam	10.00
Rec'd Dec. 3d 1850 by Rev. W. W. Thare from Bethpage church	5.00
" " " " " " " Mrs. Craven	50
" " — of Geo. L. Phifer	10.00
" Oct. 1850 from Rama church by Rev. S. B. C. W.	5.80
" Feb. 27 — " by Rev. J. M. H. Adams from 3d creek church	10.00
" Oct. 16th 1850 by S. B. C. W. from D. College church	20.00
	$238.88
Balance on hand at the time of the report	30.73
	$269.61

Disbursements.

By cash remitted June 5th 1850 to W. S. Moore	$ 60.00
By cash paid Rev. S. B. C. W. to settle College bills	54.45
By cash remitted Oct 12th 1850 to W. S. Moore	50.00
By cash paid Mr. Mooney's a/c. as settled by Rev. S. B. C. W.	5.80
By cash paid Rev. S. B. C. W. to settle balance of bills	10.00
By cash paid Mr. W. S. Moore by S. B. C. W.	20
	$200.25
By cash remitted to W. S. Moore, April 8th 1851 — not heard from	50.00
	250.25
Cash now in hand	19.16
	$269.41

Letter of excuse from Rev. J. E. McElheron

A letter was received from the Rev. J. E. McElheron assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

The committees on the sessional records of the churches of Rocky River, Third creek, Charlotte, Ramah, Salisbury, Shiloh, College church,

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Report on sessional records.

Unity, (Rowan) Joppa, Franklin, Hopewell, Paw creek, Salem, Bethany, Poplar Tent, Tabor, Steel creek, Concord Town, Pleasant Hill, Back creek, Fifth creek, and Sugar creek, reported, that they had attended to the duties assigned them, and recommend that the records of these churches be approved with the exceptions specified. These reports were accepted, and adopted, and the exceptions entered in the sessional records to which they were taken.

The committee to examine the sessional records of Sharon, Fourth creek, Bethpage, and Long creek, presented their report, which was recommitted to the same committee.

Report of committee on petition from Taylorsville and Wilkesboro church asking for the services of Mr. Beall.

The committee on the petition from Taylorsville and Wilkesboro reported, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz;

"The committee appointed to consider and report on the petition from Wilkesboro and Taylorsville, have had the subject of said petition under consideration, and now submit the following report—

Your committee consider the present case as one provided for in our constitution: chap. 15: Sec. 15. The field occupied by Brother Beall is Missionary ground, and is receiving Missionary aid. Seven contiguous contiguous counties have not an ordained Presbyterian within their limits; viz. Alexander, Caldwell, Yancey, Watauga, Ashe, Wilkes, and Surry. The ordained ministers living nighest to Taylorsville are distant, east 15 miles— south 35 miles, West 40 miles— north, to the Virginia line. Scattered thro these counties there are many presbyterian families who wish to have a Presbyterian preacher to marry their young people— to baptise their children, to preach and administer the Lord's supper occasionally within their reach. For the want of one of our own order, they seek these services at the hands of other denominations, and are soon lost to the presbyterian church. The churches at Wilkesboro and Salem are pleased to have, and are anxious to retain the services of Brother Beall, and would rejoice to find themselves able to sustain him as their pastor; but as they are not able to do this without aid from the Board of Domestic Missions— they consider it inexpedient to present a call which implies both ordination and installation— That a pastoral relation formed under these circumstances might soon have to be dissolved by the Presbytery.

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In view of all the circumstances of the case your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution. Resolved- That the prayer of the petition of the churches of Wilkesboro and Salem for the ordination of Mr. B. L. Beall be, and the same is hereby granted, and that measures be now taken to carry this resolution out at the next regular sessions of Presbytery.

(Signed) W. N. Thorn, R. H. Morrison, A. Baker } Com.

Dissolution of pastoral relation.

The Rev. J. E. Davis requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the congregations of Back creek and Bethesda; and these congregations giving their assent to this request, It was thereupon Resolved- That this request be granted, and that the congregations of Back creek, and Bethesda be declared vacant.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning,
April 12th 1851.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Report of committee on reference from Sharon Session.

The committee on the reference from Sharon church presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee on the reference from the Session of Sharon church to the Presbytery of Concord beg leave to submit the following resolution for the adoption of Presbytery.

Resolved- That as it is the particular desire of the Session of Sharon to know whether the case referred by them comes within the prohibitory clause in our confession of faith- Your committee have no hesitation in saying that they think it does. For, if a man & a woman may not marry any of their deceased companions relations reared in blood than they may of their own- then it is clear that in this case, as the Lady applying for church privileges could not lawfully have married her half brother the son of her father, though not the son of her mother, then according to our Confession of faith her present marriage with the husband of her deceased half sister is prohibited in our book.

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Resolution in relation to the contributions of our churches.

In reference to the contributions of our churches to the different Boards, the following resolution was presented and adopted, viz;

"Resolved- That it is the deliberate judgment of this Presbytery, that while some advance is made in the last year in many of our churches in their contributions, still it is feared that guilt rests upon us from the fact that we spend our earthly substance, so largely for our own aggrandizement, and so sparingly with a view to the advancement of Christs kingdom."

Resolutions respecting Davidson College.

A series of Resolutions in regard to Davidson College were presented, and while they were under consideration, the hour for the order of the day arrived. The order of the day was suspended, and the consideration of these Resolutions proceeded. They were adopted, and are as follows; viz;

Whereas the Trustees of Davidson College during a special meeting of their Board in March last, have undertaken to endow the College by selling out a certain number of scholarships, in order to place the institution beyond the control of circumstances arising from pecuniary embarrassments, and thus secure the continued services of an able and efficient Faculty essential to the prosperity of every College; and inasmuch as unity of sentiment as well as action is necessary to the successful execution of all important plans for promoting the cause of Education; Be it therefore

Resolved- That we approve their scheme of endowment as calculated to do much for the interest of society and the cause of Education.

Resolved- That we take measures to supply the pulpits of the Rev. W. N. Thorn and Rev. A. Baker, during their temporary absence as Agents of the Board, provided they accept the appointment.

Report on Domestic Missions.

The order of the day was taken up; viz; to hear the report on Domestic Missions. The Report of Domestic Missions was read, accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

"Whole amount received since April 5th 1849 when Presbytery became auxiliary to the Assembly's Board $1036.75

Paid out - - - - - - - - - - 250.00

$786.75

Drafts outstanding at this time - - - - - - $125.00

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Report in Domestic Missions.

The Board have paid out to one of our missionaries $25.00 of their own funds.

Received from April 11th 1850 to April 11th 1851 - - - - - $666.34

The Treasurer of Domestic Missions begs leave to make the above report.

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Resolution on the claims of Domestic Missions.

Resolved - That the cause of Domestic Missions has now a claim on the Presbyterian church greater than at any former period, from the great extension of our territory, and the vast increase of our population.

Instruction to the com. of Domestic Missions.

Ordered, that the committee of Domestic Missions be directed to obtain an additional draft for payment of Brother Dalton from the Assembly's Board.

Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes.

After recess.

Devotional exercises.

Presbytery met. The Devotional exercises were attended to. Presbytery then took a recess of 30 minutes to meet in the session House.

After recess.

Ruling Elder obtains leave of absence.

Presbytery met. Messrs. James Montgomery, J. F. M. Nisly and A. H. Moss, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Com. to nominate trustees for D. C.

A committee was appointed to nominate members of the Board of Trustees in Davidson College for the term of four years. This committee consisted of the following persons, viz; Rev. Messrs. H. N. Shaw, Jas. E. Morrison, and Mr. W. S. Harris.

Report of Treasurer pro tem.

The Treasurer pro tem. reported that he had received for the commissioners fund $125.00. He was ordered to pay it to our commissioners, one half to each.

Stated Clerk's bill.

The Stated clerk presented his bill for contingent expenses amounting to $2.00. The treasurer was ordered to pay to him this amount.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

Fifth creek - Rev. H. N. Shaw one Sabbath.

Bethesda - Rev. E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath, and Rev. S. B. C. Wilson one Sabbath.

Back creek, and Thyatira - Rev. S. Williamson one Sabbath each.

Back creek - Rev. J. M. H. Adams one Sabbath.

Bethany - Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, and H. N. Shaw, administer the Lord's supper

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Report of com. on supplies continued.

Tabor - Rev. T. H. Dalton one Sabbath.

Asheville - Rev. J. M. Wilson one Sabbath and administer the Lord's Supper.

Marion and Silo etc., Rev. Messrs. J. E. Lewis, and R. L. Davis each one Sabbath.

Prospect - Rev. Messrs. S. B. C. Wilson and W. L. Wall.

Wadesboro - Rev. Messrs. A. L. Watts, D. A. Penick, L. L. Penick, C. Johnston, and J. E. Morrison, one Sabbath each.

Monroe - Rev. J. C. Shaw two Sabbaths, and Rev. Messrs. H. B. Cunningham, and R. H. Lafferty, one Sabbath each.

Unity - Rev. Messrs. S. B. C. Wilson, and J. L. Hall, preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

Lenoir - Rev. B. L. Beall one Sabbath, and oftener if convenient.

Salisbury - Rev. E. F. Rockwell 1st Sabbath in May; J. E. Morrison 2d Sabbath in May; T. H. Dalton 3d Sabbath in May; J. M. H. Adams 4th Sabbath in May; D. A. Penick 1st Sabbath in June.

(Signed) J. L. Hall, E. F. Rockwell, A. C. McIntosh. } Com.

Call from Back creek.

A call from the congregation of Back creek for one half of the pastoral services of Rev. S. Frontis was laid before Presbytery, and being found in regular form, was placed in his hands for consideration.

Calls not accepted.

Rev. S. Frontis declined accepting the calls from the churches of Thyatira and Back creek, and having stated his reasons for so doing returned these calls to Presbytery; and it was ordered that they be returned to the congregations from which they came.

Trustees for D. College elected.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College to serve for the term of four years presented their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz;

The committee report the following names as Trustees of Davidson College for the term of four years - Rev. Messrs. Jas. E. Morrison, R. H. Lafferty, Walter L. Shaw, Samuel C. Shaw, and Messrs. D. Coleman, Hugh R. Wall, J. J. Brown, Sylvanus A. Hutcheson, and J. H. Wilson.

The committee on the Narrative reported, and their report was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly and is as follows, viz;

Narrative G. A.

In spreading their annual narrative before the General Assembly the Presbytery of Concord would first speak of the spiritual condition of their churches.

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Narrative continued.

With sorrow we state the fact, that we have but one pastoral charge upon which any thing like a rich and precious effusion of the Holy Spirit has been made during the past year. That resulted in the addition of more than fifty members to the communion of the church. An encouraging increase, and a pleasant, growing state, has been found in some six or eight other churches.
The addition, and loss by removal and death, in many of our churches have been about equal - and some have even lost more than they have gained. From these facts it will appear that we have no general special interest on the subject of personal religion - that the tendency is upward in a number of our churches - in others stationary - and that the state of many is cold and lukewarm.

Old settlement.

The outward attendance upon the means of grace has been good. The public preaching of the word - the administration of ordinances - with regular prayer meetings - the monthly concert - catechetical instruction - Bible classes - family visitation - and sabbath schools, have been brought to bear, with a greater or less influence ~~in the midst of our~~ churches. In some congregations the coloured people have received a measure of special attention.

Weekly church instruction.

We regret to state, but fidelity demands it, that our great defect consists in the want of efficiency, and the spirit of christian liberality. Whilst we are encouraged to hope, that some improvement has taken place; yet the contributions from our paying churches are very small; and many of our churches make no regular annual contribution to the great cause of christian benevolence in which the church has embarked - Much territory within our bounds is yet missionary ground, in which we have a number of feeble churches which actually need aid.

Report of com. on the minutes of Synod.

As the results of the active services of an efficient Agent, within the space of some two or three years past, about 30.000 copies of Bibles and Testaments have been brought to western North Carolina - some 20.000 families have been visited - more than 4.000 were found destitute, and have been supplied.

Report of committee on Sessional records.

Notwithstanding all that has been done on the subject of temperance, it is yet to be feared that the monster Intemperance, ~~of~~ spreads desolation and death with a strong and mighty hand.

Subject for Mr. Beall's sermon.

A reigning spirit of avarice and an undue conformity to the world on the part of many professors of religion present obstacles to

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Narrative concluded.

the spread of the gospel, and growth in piety, within our bounds, which nothing but truth and the spirit of God can overcome.

In the midst of these things we would take courage from the known fact, that the Lord reigns, and that truth and grace shall ultimately triumph. We hope in God.

All which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

(Signed) Cyrus Johnston,
Samuel C. Thorn,
A. H. Moss.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams declined accepting the call from the congregation of Third Creek, and returned it to Presbytery, which was ordered to be returned to said congregation.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to inform the persons elected members of the Board of Trustees in Davidson College of their election.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee on the minutes of Synod would report that they find only two Resolutions that claim the attention of Presbytery.
1st. On page 16 of the printed minutes. The committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions. Resolved. That the Presbytery would call the special attention of the ministers and sessions to this subject, and urge upon them the importance of taking the necessary steps to secure a representative at the highest judicatories of our church.
Page 18th. The committee recommend to Presbytery to direct each and every minister under their care to use all proper measures to have each family in their respective charges supplied with a copy of the Confession of Faith at the earliest period practicable.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) W. W. Thorn,
J. E. Davis,
J. F. McCorkle. } Com.

The committee to examine the sessional records of the churches of Sharon, Long creek, Fourth creek, and Bethpage, reported, recommending their approval. Their reports were accepted, and adopted.

The subject assigned to Mr. B. L. Beall for a trial sermon preparatory to ordination was Gal. III. 24. "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." The following arrangements were made for the ordination of Mr. B. L. Beall at the ensuing

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sessions of Presbytery.

Arrangements for ordination of Mr. Bell.

Resolved - That Rev. W. N. Pharr preside, and preach the sermon, and that Rev. S. Frontis ~~preside~~ propose the constitutional questions and offer the ordination prayer, and that Rev. E. Johnston give the charge to the evangelist.

Petition from Dallas.

The petition from citizens of the town of Dallas was taken up, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted; and the Revs. Messrs. J. D. Hall, and R. N. Davis, were appointed to organize a church in Dallas at discretion.

Request of Rev. E. G. Walker and ors.

The request of Rev. E. G. Walker, asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the congregations of Little Britain, and Duncans creek, was taken up, and as these congregations were not represented in Presbytery, it was ordered that the Stated clerk cite the congregations of Little Britain, and Duncans creek, to show cause, if any they have, at the next meeting of Presbytery why this request should not be granted.

Resolution respecting Prof. Morgans school in Salisbury.

The following resolution was adopted in relation to Prof. Morgans Female Seminary located at Salisbury:

Resolved - That we regard with interest the establishment of the Female Seminary by Prof. Morgan within our bounds as combining great facilities for elevating the standard of Female Education. And we recommend the christian families in our churches to secure the benefits of instruction and religious training approved by much experience and success.

Permission was given the Rev. J. E. Davis to labour in Rutherfordton and vicinity.

Vote of thanks.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the families of Unity congregation and vicinity for their kindness, and hospitality to the members of this body during its present sessions; and that this resolution be read to the congregation at discretion.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Philadelphia church, Mecklenburg County, N.C. on Friday Oct. 3d 1851, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Jas. M. H. Adams, Modr. -

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Absentees.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. Williamson, D.D., Daniel Lindsay, Thos. E. Johnston, J. R. C. Wilson, J. M. Wilson, Wm. N. Morrison, Geo. M. Gibbs, and Wm. C. Sutton.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly, for the year closing with April 12th 1851.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly that they consist of Thirty One Ministers, and have under their care 57 churches, One Licentiate, and 3 Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office Address.	Communicants: Added on Profession.	Added on Certificate.	Vacancies: Reported communicants.	Reported Aggregate.	Baptisms: Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. of families in the congregation.	Friends Collected: Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Sunday Schools.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Millard creek, P. Ramah, S.S.	Oak Lawn, N.C.	9	3		260	1	11	66	15	13	5			166	
R.H. Morrison, D.D. & S.	Unity (Lincoln co.) S.S.	College Home, N.C.	6		5	62		7	29	22	23	10		5	110	
S. Williamson, D.D. Pres. & P.	College church, P.	Davidson College, N.C.	4		2	28			9	7	25	22		5		20
S. Frontis, S.S.	Thyatira & Centre, S.S.	Mount Mourne, N.C.	9	3	37	155	1	13	65	8	15	11	2	7	501	
Cyrus Johnston, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	5	2	8	89		18	45	105	92	22	36	8	626	306
Henry N. Pharr, P.	Concord, P.	Statesville, N.C.	7	6		227		11		12	20					
D.A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	19	2	151	587	6	36	200	44	74	64	13	8	594	38
Wm. A. Hall, P.	Joppa & Unity (Rowan) P.	Mocksville, N.C.	3		50	141	2	6	70	10	19	13		4	277	23
A.L. Watts, P.	Steel creek & Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N.C.	22	5	66	251	6	19	93	53	41	10		7	410	25
D. Lindley, P.M.	Mackpelah, S.S.	Port Natal, S. Africa.	1			11		4		13	12				90	16
Thos. F. Johnston, P. Missionary	Back Creek, V. Bethesda, V.	Smyrna, Asia Minor	17	2	35	172	3	9	62	17	15	5		4	400	4
J.M.H. Adams, S.S.	Third creek, S.S.	Cowansville, N.C.	2		67	170		6	71	23	15	210	8	6	443	26
Jas. E. Morrison, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.	5	4	12	51	2	10	30			15		4	300	
Jas. D. Hall, S.S.	Goshen, New Hope, & Olney, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.	9	2		208					8			4		
S.B.O. Wilson, Prof.	Bethel, V. & Bearnsville, V.	Davidson College, N.C.				50										
John M. Wilson, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.				90										
Wm. N. Morrison, S.S.	Rheims creek & Swananoa, S.S.	Swannanoa, N.C.				66										
W.B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell, & Paw creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	23	2	50	375	8	22	161	5	15	24	5	7	154	20
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	8		20	106	3	10	51	47	45	27	11	6	657	
E.P. Rockwell, Prof.	Franklin, V.	Davidson College, N.C.	7		6	80	5	13	36		3	4			73	
J.E. McPherson, S.S.	Hiwassee & Ebenezer, S.S.	Franklin, N.C.				74										
W.W. Pharr, P.	Poplar Tent & Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N.C.	47	6	60	320	5	16	150	25	36	13		15	1770	
G.M. Gibbs, S.S.	Marion, & Siloam, S.S.	Marion, N.C.				59										
Thos. E. Davis, S.S.	Rutherfordton, S.S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.				25										
Robert N. Davis, S.S.	Lincolnton, & Long creek, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.	7	2	2	83		7	45	10		14		3	361	43
Wm. C. Sutton, S.S.	Lebanon, S.S.	Morven, N.C.	4		9	48	2	1	25	10						19
R.W. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	19	5	49	225	4	12	90	20	73	7		6	400	40
S.C. Pharr, P.	Providence & Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	7		14	237	1	9		27	40	20			450	20
T.H. Dalton, S.S.	Fourth creek, S.S.	Statesville, N.C.	3	2	7	80	1	6	35	15	15	8				20
Elnathan G. Walker, P.	Little Britain, & Duncans creek, P.	Forsyth, Ga.				158										
P.J. Penick, P. 31.	Philadelphia, & Union, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	5	1	52	285	2		201		12	4		4	61	
Licentiate 1.	Prospect V. Shiloh V.					321										
Benjamin L. Beall.	Salem, S.S. Wilkesboro, S.S.	Taylorsville, N.C.	1	4	1	78		4	36	25	31	7		2	176	15
Candidates 3	Bethany, V. Tabor, V.		4	1	28	150		11	38							
	Fifth creek, V. Asheville V.					35										
	Trenella 57					21										
			247	52	731	5321	52	256	1608	498	641	515	134	95	8018	635

The Presbytery of Concord further report, that on the 28th day of May 1850 they organized the church of Mackpelah; that on the 26th day of Sept. 1850 they received, as a member from the Presbytery of Lexington Rev R. N. Davis; that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Benjamin S. Beall, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. De Roy Davies and the congregation of Prospect; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev J. De Roy Davies with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev Samuel Murray with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. C. D. McNeely, a licentiate under their care, with a view to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. E. F. Rockwell and the congregation of Fourth creek; that on the 7th day of Nov. 1850 they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Dalton and the congregation of Tabor; that on the 8th day of Nov. 1850 they ordained Mr. P. J. Pemick, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Philadelphia and Union; and that on the 11th day of April 1851 they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. E. Davis, and the congregations of Back creek and Bethesda.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 12th 1851.

Synod of N. Carolina in session at Rocky River.

These papers examined and approved

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October. 10th 1851.

Philadelphia Church,
Mecklenburg County, N. C.
Friday, Oct 3d 1851
11 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and the Moderator being absent, was opened with a sermon by Rev. Jesse Rankin, of Orange Presbytery, from Acts v. 13, 14. "And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." Rev. E. F. Rockwell, the last Moderator present, presided, and constituted Presbytery with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw,	Messrs. Wm. McGinnis,
R. H. Morrison, D. D.	
S. Frontis	
C. Johnston,	S. N. Hutchison,
W. N. Shaw,	Jas. M. Lewis,
D. A. Penick,	John M. Black,
A. L. Wills,	John Hart,
J. D. Hall,	Jas. W. Reid,
H. B. Cunningham,	S. H. Todd,
A. Baker,	
E. F. Rockwell,	
W. W. Shaw,	Robert Caldwell,
W. C. Sutton,	Duncan Nevin,
R. H. Lafferty,	Samuel Caldwell,
L. C. Shaw,	Wm. Rea,
J. H. Dalton,	
R. N. Davis,	
P. J. Penick,	Philemon Morris,
	E. J. Erwin, Church of Morganton,
	A. B. Long, do. do. Little Britain,
	Jas. McFarland, do. Duncan's Creek,
	David H. Patterson, do. Back creek,
	Robert E. Wilson, do. Salem.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. Jas. D. Hall for Moderator, and Rev. R. N. Davis, and Mr. E. J. Erwin, temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

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corresponding members.

Rev. Thos N. Paxton, of Lexington Presbytery, Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin and Cyrus K. Caldwell of Orange Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery took a recess of 31 minutes.

After recess.

minutes read.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. The absentees from the last meeting assigned reasons for absence, which were sustained.

Dallas church organized.

The committee appointed to organize a church in Dallas, Gaston county, reported, that on the 5th day of July last, they organized the church of Dallas consisting of 12 members; two of whom were ordained Ruling Elders, viz: W. H. and W. Ingram. This report was accepted, and the church taken under the care of Presbytery, and enrolled.

Ruling Elders appeared in Pby.

Andrew Wyl, Ruling Elder from Dallas church, John Steel, Ruling Elder from Fourth creek church, and John Patterson, Ruling Elder from Buck creek church, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

Dissolution of pastoral relation.

A request from Rev. John M. Wilson was laid before Presbytery asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the congregation of Morganton; and said congregation concurring, the request was granted; and the congregation declared vacant.

Rev. J. M. Wilson dismissed.

The Rev. John M. Wilson was, at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of Missouri.

Rev. T. N. Paxton received.

Rev. Thos. N. Paxton presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Lexington; whereupon, after the usual examination, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

A member appears in Pby.

Rev. Wm. S. Hall appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Appointment of committees.

The following committees were appointed:

On Devotional exercises; Rev. Messrs S. J. Pemick, J. C. Thorn, and Mr. J. Morris.

On Supplies; Rev. A. L. Watts, and Mr. J. M. Black.

On the minutes of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. A. Baker, and Mr. R. C. Wilson.

Judicial committee; Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D., Rev. H. L. Thorn, Rev. S. Frontis, and Messrs J. Hart and J. W. Reid.

Narrative. Rev. S. A. Pemick, and Mr. W. Rea.

Mr. S. C. Alexander taken under the care of Pby.

Mr. S. C. Alexander, a member of the church of Hopewell, was introduced to Presbytery by his pastor, Rev. W. B. Cunningham, with a view to be taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking

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the ministry. This examination was sustained, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy ministry.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of Mr. D. S. Beall preparatory to ordination. Presbytery proceeded to examine him on experimental religion.

The committee on Devotional exercises made a report, which was recommitted. Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct 4th 1851.

9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Dismission of members.

Rev. J. M. H. Adams, and Rev. E. G. Walker, were dismissed; the former to join the Presbytery of Bethel, and the latter to join the Presbytery of Flint River.

A member appears in Presbytery.

Rev. W. N. Morrison appeared in Presbytery, and after assigning satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Permission was given to Rev. Messrs H. L. Thorn and S. Frontis to exchange with each other the duties assigned them in the ordination services of Mr. Beall.

Examination of Mr. Beall.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. Beall on the subjects required previous to ordination.

Examination of Mr. Alexander and Irwin.

Mr. S. C. Alexander was examined on Philosophy, Greek, and Hebrew; and Mr. J. W. Irwin was examined on Hebrew and Ecclesiastical History.

A member appears in Presbytery.

The Rev. G. M. Gibbs appeared in Presbytery, assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat. He also rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

Order of the day.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Presbytery attended to the order of the day; viz: to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Beall.

Mr. Beall's examination sustained.

Mr. D. S. Beall having passed through all the parts of trial, it was Resolved. That his examinations, as a whole, be sustained, and that Presbytery will proceed to the ordination exercises at 3 o'clock P. M. Presbytery took a recess till 1 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Messrs. Alexander and Irwin's examination sustained.

Presbytery met. It was resolved that the examinations of Messrs. S. C. Alexander, and J. W. Irwin, be sustained, so far as they have progressed.

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Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr E J Erwin till 11 o'clock Monday morning; and to Messrs Long, McFarland, Hutchison, Nevin, and Rev E F Rockwell, from the remaining sessions, after this evening.

Mr B L Beall ordained as an evangelist

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the ordination of Mr Beall. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev S Frontis, and Rev W N Sharp presided, and proposed the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr Benjamin L. Beall was, by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly set apart as an evangelist to the whole work of the gospel ministry; after which a charge was given to the newly ordained minister by the Rev C. Johnston. It was ordered that Brother Bealls name be added to our list, and he was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Money to be paid to Rev J H Dalton

It was resolved - That $75.00 be paid to Rev J H Dalton for missionary services.

Committee on nominations

A committee was appointed to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the committee on domestic missions. This committee consisted of Rev Messrs S A Finick, R H Morrison, D D and Mr John Steel.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning. Closed with prayer.

Monday, Oct 6th 1851

9 o'clock A M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.

Parts of trial assigned to and Exhibited

The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr S C Alexander. 1. Latin Exegesis - "An sit sanctificatio perfecta in hac vita".

2. Critical exercise - Acts III. 19-21.

3. Popular Lecture - Rev II. 8-11.

4. Popular sermon. Rom. III. 2.

Order of the day for the doctrinal sermon

It was made the order of the day for to-day at 11 o'clock A.M. to hear the doctrinal sermon.

Calls from Fourth creek and Bethesda

Calls from the united congregations of Fourth creek and Bethesda for the pastoral services of Rev J H Dalton were read, and being found in order, they were placed in his hands for consideration.

Call accepted.

Time fixed for installation

Rev J. H. Dalton having signified his acceptance of these calls Presbytery proceeded to make arrangements for his installation. Whereupon it was Resolved - That the installation take place in the church of Fourth creek on the Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in Nov and that the congregation of Bethesda be represented at that time and

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Committee of installation

place, and that the Revs Messrs. W. N. Sharp and R. H. Lafferty, be a committee to attend to these services, the former to preach the installation sermon, and the latter to preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charges.

Rev J. E. Morrison appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Presbytery committee.

Rev J. E. Morrison and John Steel were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Mr E W Erwin reads a critical exercise.

Mr E. W. Erwin read a critical exercise, which was sustained, as a satisfactory part of trial.

Place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Providence, Mecklenburg county N. C. on the second Thursday of April next at 11 o'clock A.M.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev D A Finick obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after to-day.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day immediately after recess to hand in reports on the state of religion.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

The Board of Trustees of Davidson College reported through Rev S. Frontis, which was accepted, and is as follows viz;

The Board of Trustees of Davidson College Respectfully report to the Presbytery of Concord - That during the past year the number of students connected with the College was 62.

The amount of tuition fees received was - - - - -	$1575.00
Interest on endowment fund collected - - - -	1921.50
Total income for the year - - - - - - - -	$3496.50
Amount of Salaries for the year - -	$4200.00
Leaving a balance against the college of - - - - - -	$703.50

This deficiency of income to meet the expenses of the college for the past year was owing to the salary of an additional Professor, and to the diminished number of students for the past year.

To meet the wants of the college and to complete its endowment the Board Resolved on the 26th of March 1851 to sell four hundred Scholarships at $100 each, and appointed the Rev W. W. Sharp their agent for that purpose in the Presbytery of Concord, the Rev A. Baker agent for the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and the Rev Wm Banks agent for the Presbytery of Bethel.

The agency was commenced in Concord in May last, and about 200 Scholarships have been sold. The agents for the other Presbyteries expect to commence their labours soon, and the Board calculate with confidence that the number

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will be sold within a year, after which the scholarship plan will be pursued in the college.

The health of the students during the past year has been good, the deportment and attention to studies with a few exceptions highly satisfactory, and the scholarship in general very Respectable. Eighteen of the students for the past year were members of the church in full communion, and gave good evidence of piety, and nearly all were orderly, and paid becoming respect to the ordinances of religion. The Bible class on the Sabbath, and the students prayer meeting on Saturday evening are well attended.

Each class is required to attend three recitations a day; viz; one at sunrise, one at 11 o'clock, A.M. and one at 4 P.M.

At the commencement in Aug. the Senior class of 15 having completed their cours to the satisfaction of the Board received the degree of A.B.

The Rev. E.F. Rockwell commenced his labours in the college as Prof. of Natural Science in Nov. last, and was regularly inaugurated on the 13th of August 1851.

The board of students will be continued at the moderate price of $6 per month for the coming year, notwithstanding the anticipated scarcity and high price of provisions.

The Board of Trustees grateful to the Great Head of the Church, and ruler of the world, for the past indications of his favour to our rising college would earnestly recommend its interests and protection to the care and regard of the Presbytery, that it may rise and stand a lasting monument of the piety and patriotism of the Presbyterian church, and a blessing to mankind.

We would affectionately ask the cordial and efficient co-operation of the Presbyteries (united in sustaining the college) in carrying out the scholarship plan of endowment. We ask that the brethren in the ministry, and in the eldership will give their countenance and their aid to a plan of endowment which must, if sustained by the church, place the college on a new foundation, and at the same time prove not a loss of money, but a great gain to every purchaser of a scholarship — which promises not only to diminish the expenses of a complete education, but greatly to increase the number of the educated, and to make the future generation of the country an educated people, trained up under the pure morality and doctrines of the Gospel:

Oct. 1851

By order of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College

(Signed) S. Williamson
Stephen Frontis } Committee.

Report of committee on nomina-tions.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the missionary committee reported, nominating Revs. Messrs W.W. Thaw, and R.H. Lafferty. This report was accepted and adopted.

Report of committee on supplies.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted; and is as follows; viz;

The committee on Domestic Missions present the following report.

Fifth creek church one Sabbath by Rev. T.H. Sutton.

Back creek, Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. and Rev. S.R.C. Wilson, one Sabbath each.

Bethany church, Rev. W.A. Hall one sabbath and Rev. W.W. Thaw one Sabbath.

Asheville, Rev. J.E. Lewis one Sabbath.

Prospect, Rev. Messrs S.R.C. Wilson, and J.A. Hall, one Sabbath.

Rev. Messrs. W.N. Morrison, J.H. Thornton, R.L. Beall, and W.C. Sutton, spend one Sabbath each at discretion.

Thyatira — Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D. and Rev. S. Frontis, one Sabbath each.

Monroe — Rev. Messrs. H.R. Cunningham, J.E. Morrison, and S.C. Thaw.

Wadesboro — Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, and C. Johnston, to hold a protracted meeting.

Rev. Messrs. J.J. Penick, and A.L. Watts, — — — Do. — Do. — Do. —

Rev. Messrs. A. Baker, and R.H. Lafferty.

(Signed) A.L. Watts
J.M. Black.

Report of auditing committee.

The committee appointed to audit the papers of the Treasurer reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that they find the accounts correctly kept, and that there is in the hands of the Treasurer $25.78 cts; Whereupon it was resolved that the Rev. J.C. Morrison be, and he hereby is appointed Treasurer of this Presbytery, and that he receive all moneys and papers belonging to Presbytery that may be in the hands of the former Treasurer.

Rev. Messrs S. Frontis, H.R. Cunningham, and Mr. S.H. Todd, were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

This committee subsequently made their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Report of committee to nominate Trustees for D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to fill up the vacancy made in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, by the removal out of our bounds of the Rev. J.M.H. Adams, and Rev. J.R. Wilson, beg leave to nominate the Rev. Wm. A. Hall in the place of the Rev. J.M.H. Adams, and the Rev. T.H. Sutton in the place of the Rev. J.R. Wilson.

(Signed) Stephen Frontis, Chairman.

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The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly made their report, which was accepted, and laid on the table.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Doctrinal sermon preached.

Presbytery met. The hour having arrived for the order of the day, Presbytery attended to this business; viz; to hear the doctrinal sermon by Rev. J. D. Hall. Text Ps. XIX. 7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul. Subject "Confession of Faith, Chapter XIX. Of the Law of God."

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Report of committee on Devotional exercises.

Presbytery met. The committee on Devotional exercises made their report, which was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee on Devotional exercises report the following arrangement, viz;

Invocation and Psalm read by the Rev. S. Bonitz.

Prayer by the Rev. H. H. Thaxe.

Address by the Rev. Wm. S. Hall.

Concluding prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

(Signed) D. J. Pinick, S. C. Thaxe, Philemon Morris } committee.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. D. H. and J. Patterson, and J. Steel, from the remaining sessions.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was resolved that the Domestic Missionary Committee be authorized to appoint their own officers.

Rev. W. B. Cunningham obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Preamble and resolutions expressive of confidence in Davidson College.

The following preamble and resolutions were presented, and being amended were adopted; viz;

Whereas A period in the history of Davidson College has arrived demanding of its friends and this Presbytery as one of the guardians of the institution to adopt such measures as are calculated to place it beyond the need of any contingency;

One step has been taken to accomplish so desirable an end. She has sent forth her agents commissioned in her name to place the claims of the institution before and solicit from a generous public the means to endow one or more Professorships. This call has been responded to by a noble and

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disinterested liberality; and Whereas this institution which is under the care, control, and supervision of this Presbytery has been and still is rapidly declining in public estimation - has lost, and is loosing the confidence of its warmest friends; in view of these facts the Presbytery is called upon to make a vigorous effort to remedy the existing and growing evil; Be it therefore

Resolved - That a committee of five be appointed (consisting of two ministers and three Elders) whose duty it shall be to examine into the condition of the institution, whether the evil complained of exists in any defect in the laws made for its government, or in the execution of them, or in the inefficiency of the Professors or any one or more of them, and report to the next Presbytery.

Resolved 2d - That the President of the Board of Trustees be required to furnish Presbytery at its next meeting with a copy of all reports made by committees of examinations of that body touching the efficiency or inefficiency of any, or all the Professors of Davidson College, and what disposition was made of the report or reports of the committees by said Trustees.

Resolved 3d. That the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville be requested to co-operate with this Presbytery in this investigation.

Resolved 4th. That the Stated clerk of this Presbytery forward immediately a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to the Presbyteries of Bethel and Fayetteville.

Committee appointed to examine into the affairs of Davidson College.

In compliance with the foregoing resolutions a committee was appointed consisting of the following members; viz; Messrs. E. J. Erwin, J. W. Osborne, D. Coleman, and Rev. Messrs. W. W. Thaxe and A. Baker.

Statistical report presented.

The Stated clerk presented the statistical report of Presbytery for Synod, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, J. W. Dalton, A. L. Watts, W. L. Thaxe and Mr. J. W. Reid, from the remaining sessions.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Tuesday, Oct. 7th 1851.

9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and amended.

The committee on the Narrative presented their report, which

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was accepted, amended, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

It is pleasant and gratifying to your committee to be able to state, that whilst there has been nothing of special interest in the churches under the care of this Presbytery, there is much to encourage and cheer our hearts. The attendance on the means of grace has been uniformly good. Sabbath schools have been established, and well attended — being encouraged and supported by the pastors and the parents of the different congregations.

Instruction is regularly imparted to young persons in the doctrines of our Confession of Faith. In some churches stated prayer-meetings are held, the attendance is commendable, and the people engage in the services with zeal, fidelity and profit. There are many good and praying men among our eldership. But the duty of establishing and continuing prayer-meetings is not sensibly felt by all our congregations. The monthly concert for prayer is punctually observed by some of our churches.

There has been generally an increased spirit of liberality among our members in contributing to various benevolent objects.

The subject of temperance has received an attention in some degree commensurate with its importance. Some intemperate persons have been hopefully reclaimed, and others have been, by mild and persuasive means, prevented from forming pernicious and intemperate habits.

Great peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail amongst the members of our churches.

Considerable attention has been paid to the instruction of the coloured population, by catechizing, and also by sermons especially addressed to them.

The Books of our Board of Publication have been circulated in our churches and highly appreciated. Several colporteurs have been employed within our bounds; and one colporteur without our bounds is sustained in part by a female Benevolent Society of one of our congregations.

Although there has been no special revival, yet there has been a cheering accession of members to the various churches under our care.

Pastoral visitation to the sick and to impenitent and irreligious families has been attended with good results. But whilst we perceive many cheering indications of general prosperity there are many reasons for

lamentation. It is time that Providence has directed the footsteps of some pious, promising and laborious men to several important vacancies in our bounds; but there is still much land to be possessed. In addition to vacant churches on this side of Catawba, there is a vast field beyond in which missionary zeal and effort might be very profitably expended. We hope the attention of our young brethren will in due time be directed to this field. There are several interesting and important points at which we should love to see missionaries located and employed. There is too great a want of self-denial, both among ministers and members of the churches, for the sake of the spread of the Gospel. They are anxious to see the destitutions supplied by others, they do not go and endeavour to supply them themselves.

We have sufficient reasons for humiliation on account of our covetousness and selfishness and remissness in embracing opportunities of doing good. We have also great praising, and urgent need of ardent prayer for the Holy Spirit to bless his own truth, and sanctify the souls of those who hear the word.

(Signed) S. C. Thorn } Com.
W. Rhea }

Report of Com. on the minutes of General Assembly.

The report of the committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was taken up and discussed seriatim, until the hour for the order of the day, which was postponed for half an hour.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery spent one hour in devotional exercises.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. W. W. Thorn and Messrs. A. Hoyl, and Robert Caldwell.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess

Vote of thanks.

Presbytery met. It was resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the congregation of Philadelphia for their kindness and hospitality to the members during their sessions at this place, and that this resolution be read by the pastor to the congregation at any time he may think best.

Treasurer ordered to pay over money.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay to the Treasurer of Synod a balance of $15.46 cts. due him for the current year.

The report of the committee on the minutes of the Assembly was again taken up, and being amended, was adopted as a whole, and is as follows; viz;

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Report of com. on the minutes of the General Assembly

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last General Assembly beg leave to draw the attention of the Presbytery to the following items.

1st To the subject of Domestic Missions, found on page 27. Resolutions 2d and 3d.

2d Resolved. That in view of the vast field of domestic missions now opened in our country, and exhibited in detail in the report, that it be earnestly recommended to all our churches to make increased efforts, to enlarge their contributions to the Board, and that it be recommended to all our pastors, and stated supplies to bring the facts, presented in the Report of the Board, fully before the people of their charge, and if possible introduce among them some systematic form of making their contributions.

3d Resolved. That the direction of the Assembly in 1844, Minutes pp. 374, 375. be renewed; that a special collection be taken up in all the churches in aid of Church extension, & c.

Item 2d To the abolition of the pledge given formerly by our beneficiaries — on page 28.

2d Resolved. "That the practice of requiring from our young men a pledge to enter the ministry especially in the early stages of their preparatory studies, is not deemed conducive to the best interests either of the candidates or of the church, and the Board are hereby authorized to modify their rules accordingly."

It was resolved. That Presbytery approve of the action of the General Assembly on this subject.

As regards the subject of Domestic missions your committee propose the following resolutions:

1st Resolved. That this Presbytery enjoin upon their committee on Domestic Missions, to examine with increased diligence their field of operation, seek out efficient men, locate them where deemed practicable, visit them as often as possible, and see that they are provided with means of support.

2d Resolved. That this subject be herewith presented in all its magnitude and moment to each spring session of Presbytery by the secretary of this committee.

3d Resolved. That the church extension scheme, as urged by the Assembly upon the churches, receive the attention of all our pastors and stated supplies as a part of the plan of our Domestic missionary operations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. Baker,
R. C. Wilson.

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The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator at Rocky River church during the sessions of Synod. Closed with prayer.

J. D. Hall, Mod'r.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Absentees. N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Rev. Messrs. S. Williamson, D. D. Sindley, Thos. F. Johnston, S. B. A. Wilson, J. E. McKinnon, and Thos. E. Davis.

Statistical report

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1851.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina: That they consist of 31 ministers, and have under their care 58 congregations and 4 candidates; that on the 7th day of November, 1850 they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. W. Dalton and the congregation of Tabor; that on the 8th day of November, 1850, they ordained to the work of the holy ministry Mr. T. D. Penick, and installed him pastor of the united congregations of Philadelphia and Unity; that on the 11th day of April, 1851, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. T. E. Davis and the congregations of Back creek and Bethesda; that on the 5th day of July, 1851, they organized the church of Dallas; that on the 2d day of Oct. 1851, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. John M. Wilson and the congregation of Morganton; that on the same day, they dismissed the Rev. J. M. Wilson, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Missouri; that on the same day, they received, as a member, Rev. Thomas N. Paxton, from the Presbytery of Lexington; that, on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Elnathan G. Walker and the congregations of Little Britain and Duncan's creek; that, on the 4th day of October, 1851, they dismissed the Rev. J. M. H. Adams, with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel; that, on the same day, they dismissed the Rev. E. G. Walker, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Flint River; and that, on the same day, they ordained to the work of the holy ministry, as an evangelist, Mr. Benjamin S. Beall.

By order of Presbytery.

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R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Meeting at Synod:
Rocky River Church, Cabarrus County, N.C.
Oct. 10th 1851.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present Revd. Messrs. W. S. Shaw, R. H. Morrison, D.D. S. Frontis, C. Johnston, H. N. Shaw, J. D. Hall, R. N. Davis, Mr. E. J. Erwin, and others.

Revd. Messrs. B. L. Beall, and J. E. Morrison, were appointed to administer the Lords supper in the church of Third Creek.

There being no further business, Presbytery adjourned to meet in Providence Church on the 2d Thursday of April, 1852, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer.

Jas. D. Hall, Mod'r.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Providence Church,
Mecklenburg Co. N. C.
Thursday, April 8th 1852.
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Revd. J. D. Hall, from Matt. XXVIII. 18. All power is given unto me in heaven, and in earth. Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revd. Messrs. W. S. Shaw,	Messrs. Caleb Erwin,
R. H. Morrison, D.D.	B. L. McDowell,
S. Williamson, D.D.	
S. Frontis,	
C. Johnston,	
H. N. Shaw,	John A. McLelland,
D. A. Penick,	
J. D. Hall,	David Rhyne,
W. R. Cunningham,	Robert Henderson,
A. Baker,	D. A. Davis,
W. W. Shaw,	Cyrus Flemming,
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	Ira Parks,
L. N. Pexton,	
S. C. Shaw,	Nelson Reid,

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Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revd. Messrs. T. H. Dalton,	Messrs. Thos. A. Allison,
T. J. Penick,	
B. L. Beall,	A. C. McEntosh,
W. C. Sutton,	
Gilbert Morgan,	
	Samuel Craig, church of New Hope.
	Geo. L. Robinson, church of Bethesda,
	W. R. Hall, church of Bethany,
	Jacob Hovis, church of Third Creek,
	Richard Lowrie, church of Franklin,
	E. J. Erwin, of Morganton,
	James Knox, of Pleasant Hill.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revd. R. H. Morrison, D.D. for Mod'r and Revd. R. N. Davis, and Mr. E. J. Erwin, temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After Recess.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected. Absentees from the last meeting were called on for their reasons of absence, which being rendered were sustained as satisfactory.

A letter was received from Revd. J. E. McElveen assigning reasons for absence from the last and present meetings of Presbytery, which were sustained.

Revd. Gilbert Morgan presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange to connect himself with this Presbytery. After the usual examination he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Mr. Wm. C. Shultz, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester, presented a letter of dismission from said Presbytery to place himself under the care of this Presbytery. He was received under our care.

A petition was presented and read from sundry citizens of Monroe and vicinity asking to be organized into a church to be called the Presbyterian church of Monroe. The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Revd. Messrs. T. J. Penick, and R. H. Lafferty, with Mr. Matthew McCall, Elder, were appointed a committee to organize said church, if the way be open.

A letter was received from Revd. W. A. Hall, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting, which were sustained as satisfactory; and asking a dissolution of the pastoral relation

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between himself and the churches of Unity and Joppa. This request was laid on the table.

The Rev. Jesse Rankin from the Presbytery of Orange being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A communication was received from the Treasurer of Synod, relative to our liabilities for Synodical expenses, and asking for the payment of our quota of the same; Whereupon it was Resolved. That each member of Presbytery pay $1.00, and that the Rev. W. W. Thorn act as Treasurer pro tem. The collection was taken up immediately, and the Treasurer reported $32.00 as the result.

The Moderator announced the following committees; Judicial committee; Revs. Messrs. Cyrus Johnston, J. Frontis, W. R. Cunningham with Ruling Elders Messrs. R. L. McDowell, and Thos. A. Allison.

On the Narrative; Revs. W. W. Thorn, and D. A. Davis.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock A.M. to hand in statistical reports from the churches, and the reciprocal reports of pastors and sessions.

A petition, asking for the restoration to the office of the ministry of Mr. J. W. Freeman, a deposed minister of this Presbytery, was received, read, and referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. D. A. Penick, J. Frontis, and Messrs. Caleb Erwin, Cyrus Hemming, and R. L. McDowell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Messrs. A. Springs, A. Gray, R. L. Howell, M. McCall, and J. W. Osborne Ruling Elders, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats as members.

Rev. Thos. E. Davis appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence from the last meeting, and for his late attendance at the present meeting.

The Moderator announced the following committees on Sessional records; viz; On the Session Books of the churches of Ramah, Mallard creek, Unity (Lincoln), and Mackpelah - Rev. W. R. Cunningham, and Mr. Ira Parks.

Centre, Davidson College, Charlotte, and Bethel - Rev. D. A. Penick, and Mr. C. Hemming.

Concord, Fourth creek, Bethesda, and Sugar creek - Rev. W. S. Thorn, and Mr. David Rhyne.

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Rocky River, Poplar-Tent, Bethpage, and Concord Town - Rev. A. Baker, and Mr. Richard Sowrie.

Hopewell, Paw-creek, Steel-creek, and Pleasant-Hill - Rev. E. Morgan, and Mr. Nelson Reid.

Philadelphia, Union, Providence, and Sharon - Rev. J. K. Sexton, and Mr. James Knox.

Salisbury, Thyatira, Back-creek, and Franklin - Rev. J. H. Dalton, and Mr. Samuel Craig.

Lincolnton, Morganton, Marion, and Silvam - Rev. J. Frontis, and Mr. Robert Henderson.

Goshen, New-Hope, Long-creek, and Dallas - Rev. W. C. Sutton, and Mr. J. S. Robinson.

Unity (Rowan), Joppa, Lebanon, and Little Britain - Rev. J. C. Thorn, and Mr. J. A. McClelland.

Third-Creek, Salem - Rev. Thos. E. Davis, and Mr. H. R. Wall.

A petition was received from citizens in Lincoln praying to be organized into a Presbyterian church. This petition was laid on the table for the present.

A call from the church of Morganton for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm. C. Sheetz was presented to Presbytery, and being found in order was placed in his hand for consideration; Whereupon Mr. Sheetz signified to Presbytery that he accepted of the call.

The request of Rev. W. A. Hall for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the congregations of Joppa, and Unity, was taken up, and the churches concurring in the request, the request was granted, and the churches declared vacant.

Rev. W. A. Hall was, at his own request, dismissed, to connect himself with the Presbytery of the Western District.

The committee on the petition to restore Mr. J. W. Freeman to the office of the ministry presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The Committee to whom the petition respecting Mr. J. W. Freeman was referred, respectfully submit the following as their report for the adoption of Presbytery, viz; Inasmuch as the conduct or offence for which Mr. Freeman was deposed, is regarded as peculiarly scandalous; and our book of Discipline specially directs that a minister under such circumstances, may not be restored, even on his deepest sorrow for sin, without some time of eminent and exemplary, humble, and edifying con-

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versation, to heal the wound made by his scandal: In as much also as this Presbytery having good hope of the sincerity of his repentance, has encouraged his restoration to the communion of the church: In as much furthermore as the Presbytery have not had such an interview with Mr. Freeman touching his restoration to the ministry as might be desired: the Presbytery are of opinion that it would be acting prematurely to grant the prayer of the petitioners without further information and deliberation— Therefore— Resolved: That the further consideration of the petition be postponed for future consideration, when the Presbytery shall have fuller and more satisfactory light on the subject, and that a committee be appointed to confer with Mr. Freeman freely and fully on the whole subject, to enquire what is the feeling of the church generally touching his restoration, and to report to the next meeting of the Presbytery.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Daniel A. Penick,
Stephen Frontis,
R. L. McDowell,
Cyrus Flemming,
Caleb Ervin. } Com.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, and Mr. R. L. McDowell were appointed a committee in accordance with the above report.

Rev. Messrs J. C. Thorn, J. H. Dalton, and Mr. Thos. A. Allison, were appointed a committee on Devotional exercises.

A request was laid before Presbytery asking that the name of Union church might be changed to that of Bethlehem. This request was granted.

The Rev. J. Williamson, D. D. and Mr. Thos. A. Allison, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

The order of the day having arrived Presbytery proceeded to hand in statistical reports, and and to hear reports on the state of religion. Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the Academy.

Rev. J. N. Payton, and Mr. Nelson Reid were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of Synod.

Rev. C. Johnston tendered his resignation, as Agent for Foreign Missions, which was laid on the table.

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Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was resolved— That the hearing of the reports of the Agents of our Boards be the order of the day for the present time.

The Agent for the Board of Foreign Missions presented his report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Agent in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions within the bounds of the Presbytery of Concord submits the following as his report for the ecclesiastical year ending on the 7th of April 1852. During the year he has received from churches and individuals the following sums, viz:

		$	$
The Church of Poplar Tent			$20.20
"	Hopewell	15.00	
"	Rocky River	74.10	
"	Thyatira	5.85	
"	Centre	9.30	
"	Joppa	13.00	=117.25
"	Franklin	3.06¼	
"	College	25.00	
"	Salisbury	45.00	
"	Unity (Lincoln)	20.00	
"	Unity (Rowan)	6.31¼	=99.37½
"	Ramah	12.87½	
"	Sharon	20.10	
"	Steel creek	28.40	
"	Pleasant Hill	13.00	
"	Providence	20.00	=94.37½
Ladies Missionary Society of Sugar creek		24.50	
The Church of Bethpage		12.00	
"	Back creek	15.15	
"	Philadelphia	11.85	
"	Third creek	15.00	=78.50
"	Concord	20.00	
"	New Hope	8.00	
"	Fourth creek	15.00	
"	Machpelah	12.00	=55.00
			$464.70

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Brought Forward		$464.70
The church of Unity (Lincoln) Additional	2.00	
" Salem,	5.00	
" Bethpage, Additional	5.00	
J. F. Irwin, for Record	.50	
The church of Bethel	12,35	
Catechism class Wilksboro,	1.05	
" " Taylorsville	.86¼	
The church of Salem,	8.08¾	
" Concord,	2.50	=37.35
" Salem,	4.46¼	
" Centre,	9.35	
" Joppa, Unity, and Franklin,	16.37	
A little girl, Two Ear Rings.		
J. H. Gwenlee,	15.00	
Savings Two little daughters of Rev. E. M. Gibbs,	2.00	
Church of Hiwasee,	4.10	
" Ebenezer,	6.90	=58.18¾
Synodical contribution at church of Rocky River	78.92½	
Sundry persons, Home and F. Record	12.50	
Church of Rocky River, additional,	3.00	
" Charlotte,	76.15	
Record,	.50	=171.07½
Church of Sugar creek,	47.70	
" Salem,	21.01¼	
A Lady in Wilksboro,	1.00	
Two little Girls in Wilksboro	.11¼	
Church of Steel creek,	43.40	
" Philadelphia,	9.00	
" Bethlehem,	3.00	
" Statesville, and Bethesda,	23.00	
Statesville Sabbath school,	5.00	=153.22½
Total amount from all sources		$884.59¼
Deduct (Payment of Record)		13.50
Missionary contribution for year from April 10th 1851 to April 7th 1852.		$871.09¼

Upon a review of the foregoing list, it appears that a contribution has been made by 33 of our churches, leaving 24 in which no collection has been taken up in aid of the cause of

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Foreign Missions. Of the above sum $714.03¾ have been forwarded to the Treasurer in New York, leaving a balance now in my hands of $28.90 which I recently received.

It gives me pleasure to report the fact that the Banks Officers at Charlotte continue to forward, by furnishing a check gratuitously, all our Missionary money to the Treasurer in New York.

Having served the Presbytery for three years in this agency, I now request the Presbytery to appoint a committee to audit my accounts and I request you to accept the tender of my resignation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

April 7th 1852. (Signed) Cyrus Johnston.

The resignation of Rev. C. Johnston, as Agent of the Board of Foreign Missions was taken up, and accepted; and it was Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to Rev. C. Johnston for the ability and efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

The Rev. A. Baker was appointed Agent of Foreign Missions.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Agent of Foreign Missions presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee to audit the account of the agent of Foreign Missions Report that they find the agent charged with $2221.52 cts., and credited by vouchers to the amount of $1925.62 cts. leaving in the hands of the agent $295.90 cts.

(Signed) S. Williamson,
Thos. A. Allison,

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery for the purpose of enquiring into the condition of Davidson college and the cause of its languishing condition presented their report, which was accepted.

It was Resolved—That a committee be appointed to make an assessment on all the churches for the purpose of raising the commissioners Fund, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery, and that the amount of the assessment be $300.00. Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, C. Johnston, Messrs. W. S. Harris and S. S. Hutchison were appointed this committee.

Mr. A. Gray obtained leave of absence from

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the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of commissioners to the General Assembly (to meet in the city of Charleston, S.C.) which resulted in the choice of Rev. Messrs S. Williamson, D.D., and Cyrus Johnston, Messrs J. W. Osborne, and R. S. Young, Ruling Elders, Principals; and Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw, S. C. Shaw, Messrs. J. H. Gruenke and T. A. Caldwell, Alternates.

The Agent for the Board of Education presented his report which was accepted, and is as follows; viz;

Since the last report, which was made at Unity church, Rowan co. April 10th 1851.—The following sums have been received by your Treasurer of Education; viz;

Rec'd. April 10th from Thyatira and Center 6.23 and 5.00	$11.23
" " from Sugar creek church for 1850 not before accounted for by mistake	6.25
" " from Sugar creek chh. by Rev. R. H. Sapperly.	7.00
" " Phila. chh. by Rev. T. J. Pinick.	4.00
Collected at Presbytery, at Unity, special effort by Rev. E. F. Rockwell to pay Prof. Wilson, and handed to me by Rev. T. J. Pinick April 18th 1851—viz;	
T. H. Dalton 1. W. L. Hall 1. R. H. Hill 1. E. F. Rockwell 2	5.00
A. C. McIntosh 1. J. M. H. Adams 1. T. A. Pinick 1. J. B. Price 1. R. H. Sapperly 1.	5.00
W. B. Wood 1. W. W. Shaw 1. S. Frontis 1. A. Graham 50. S. C. Shaw 1.	4.50
R. L. McDowell 1. T. J. Pinick 1. W. S. Shaw 1. J. E. Morrison 1.	4.00
J. F. McCorkle 50. R. L. Beall 2. J. C. Ford 1. J. Todd 25. J. H. McRorie 1. Dr. J. G. Ramsay 1. Thos. Wood 2. R. H. Morrison 1. L. Monteith 25.	4.25
Col. Dunn 1. D. Ramsay 50.	1.50
Rec'd. May 5th 1851 from R. R. church by Col. D. White	22.45
" June " Gen. L. Rifes	9.00
" Aug. 14th " from Charlotte chh. by Rev. C. Johnston	38.25
" Oct. 4th " Concord chh. by Rev. W. S. Shaw	5.50
" " " " Bethpage chh. by Rev. W. W. Shaw	4.50
" March 29th 1852 from R. R. chh	24.15
" April 7th " from Union chh. by Rev. T. J. Pinick	2.00
	$163.23

Since the last report, the following disbursements have been made: viz; April 18th 1851 paid to Rev. S. B. C. Wilson on behalf of money borrowed | $40.00

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Brought Forward	$46.00
May 30th 1851 Remitted to Mr. W. S. Moore	60.00
Dec. 13th 1851—Remitted to Mr. W. S. Moore	70.00
	$176.00

Whilst this statement seems to make the treasury indebted to the Treasurer, a reference to the books will show a balance in the treasury at this time of about $25.50—

The Treasurer would state that only 9 of our 57 churches have contributed any thing to this cause during the past year.

Our beneficiary will complete his course at the Seminary early in June next, when he wishes to return immediately home, and be licensed; and in a late letter he says, it will require $60.00 or $70.00 to clear his expenses there and bring him home; of this amount we have only about $25.00. T. J. Pinick, Agent.

The committee appointed to examine the sessional Records of Lincolnton, Morganton, Marion, and Siloam, presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz; Your committee report that the books of Lincolnton, Morganton, Marion, are not present that they have examined the records of the church of Siloam, and recommend that they be approved up to page 77.

(Signed) Stephen Frontis
Robt Henderson.

Mr. J. W. Erwin read a Latin Exegesis, which was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. G. Morgan, and R. L. McDowell.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs G. L. Robinson, J. L. McLelland, A. Springs, W. R. Hall, D. Rhyne, D. A. Davis, and Rev. S. W. Harmon, D.D.

Mr. J. W. Erwin was examined on Natural and Revealed Theology.

Rev. Jesse Rankin was requested to announce to the churches of Joppa and Unity the action of Presbytery in dissolving the pastoral relation existing between said churches and the Rev. W. L. Hall.

The committee appointed to examine the sessional Records of Charlotte, Davidson College, and Bethel, made their report which was accepted and adopted.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Invocation and Psalmody by Rev. R. H. Sapperly; Prayer by Rev. S. Frontis; Address by Rev. W. S. Shaw; Concluding prayer and psalmody by Rev. C. Johnston; and the Benediction by the Moderator. They recommend that

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these exercises take place in the church to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee on the Sessional Records of Bethesda, Fourth Creek, Sugar Creek, and Concord, made their report, which was accepted and adopted.

It was Resolved- That the Commissioners fund on hand be equally divided between the Commissioners elect to the General Assembly.

Resolved- That the further consideration of the Report of the committee on Davidson College be postponed until the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock to hear the Report of the Agent for Domestic Missions.

The committees on the Sessional Records of Unity, Mackpelah, Mallard Creek, Ramah, Third Creek, Salem, Back creek, Thyatira, Salisbury, Franklin, Unity, (Rowan) Joppa, Little Britain, Rocky River, and Poplar Tent, presented their reports, which were accepted, and adopted.

The hearing of the trial of Mr. J. W. Ewin, preparatory to licensure, was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in the church at 9 o'clock. Closed with Prayer. ———

Saturday, April 10th 1852.

9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Rev. Messrs W. L. Pharr, D. A. Penick, S. Frontis, and Mr. J. W. Blom, obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

It was Resolved- That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in the church of Third creek on Thursday, July 1st 1852 at 11 o'clock A. M.

It was Resolved- That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in the church of Morganton on Friday, May 14th 1852, at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. W. C. Shultz pastor of said church, if the way be clear. Philip. 1. 6. was assigned to Mr. Shultz as the subject for his trial sermon. Rev. R. N. Davis was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, Rev. J. N. Paxton, to deliver the charge to the Pastor, Rev. J. E. Davis to deliver the charge to the congregation, Rev. W. L. Pharr to preside, propose the constitutional questions, and offer the ordination prayer.

Rev. J. W. Dalton was appointed Treasurer of the Board of Publication.

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The petition from citizens of Lenoir and vicinity asking to be organized into a Presbyterian church was taken up, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted; and Rev. B. L. Beall, and Mr. A. C. McIntosh, Ruling Elder, were appointed to organize said church, if the way be open.

The order of the day was postponed for the purpose of appointing the place and time of the next semi-annual meeting of Pres.

Whereupon it was Resolved- That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the Presbyterian church in Lincolnton on Thursday, Sept 2d 1852 at 7 o'clock P. M.

The order of the day was then taken up, when the Committee on Domestic Missions made their report.

The Rev. J. M. Wilhelm of the Associate Reformed church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The hour for the order of the day having arrived Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. J. W. Ewin.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Jacob Harris obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The committee on the Sessional Records of Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Providence, and Sharon, presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted.

The committee on the Minutes of Synod presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod report to Presbytery, that they have performed this duty, and they find nothing requiring the attention of Presbytery, except one resolution, viz: "Resolved- That the "Presbyteries composing this Synod be earnestly requested to withhold "a license to preach the gospel from Candidates pursuing a theological "course in the Seminary under our care until such Candidates have "obtained a certificate from the Faculty and Board of Trustees of "such institution unless under peculiar circumstances."

The committee recommend the following Resolution; Resolved- That Presbytery approves of this resolution of Synod, and will conform their action to its request.

(Signed) J. N. Paxton.

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The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery respectfully submit the following report. The committee are highly gratified to find that the attendance on the public means of grace has been unusually good during the past year, and that the attention of the hearers has been very encouraging. While there has been no special work of the Spirit in any part of our Zion; there have been large and interesting additions to many of the churches within our bounds. Your committee are also pleased to hear that Prayer meetings have been established in some of our churches, and regularly attended with evident indications of spiritual profit. Sabbath schools are maintained with increased zeal and interest. Bible classes and catechetical instruction receive a commendable degree of attention from our pastors and eldership.

The colored population who may be properly styled our poor have not been neglected, but have instruction by preaching and other oral means. We are also gratified to learn that the cause of temperance has advanced with a rapid pace, and that the public sentiment of our different communities is decidedly opposed to intoxicating liquors as a beverage, in their most tempting and alluring forms. We are also glad to find that our people have been incited to an increased extent to repair their houses of worship, and in some cases to erect new and commodious churches for their accommodation and comfort. The committee are also greatly pleased to learn that the churches generally have with a commendable degree of liberality come up to their obligations to their pastors. While there are many things in the reports from the different pastors of our bounds to inspire joy, and awaken feelings of gratitude. There are also many things to bring us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. The vacant churches in our bounds, and the amount of Territory that ought to be immediately occupied - call loudly upon all the members of this Presbytery and upon the churches under our care to pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up many labourers to reap the fields that are already white for the harvest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. W. Pharr } Com.
D. A. Davis }

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Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. R. L. McDowell, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Mr. John R. Alexander tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Davidson College. This resignation was accepted.

The committee on the sessional records of Long creek, Dallas, Goshen, and New Hope, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted.

Resolved. That Presbytery do hereby appoint Rev. C. Johnston, J. H. Wilson, J. M. Osborne, S. S. Hutchison, and D. McCaldwell, a committee to prepare a pastoral letter on the general subject of ministerial support, and that they are hereby directed to report at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

The committee on Supplies made their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on supplies suggest the following appointments, as their report.

Rev. Walter L. Pharr one Sabbath to Lemuel Caldwell ca.
Rev. W. W. Pharr, and A. Baker to administer the Lords Supper at Thyatira.
Rev. S. Williamson, and S. Prentiss to administer the Lords Supper at Back creek church.
Rev. Henry N. Pharr and E. L. Cochran to administer the Lords supper at Bethany.
Rev. A. L. Watts one Sabbath at Wadesboro.
Rev. S. C. Pharr, and Rev. S. J. Pomick to administer the Lords Supper to the newly organized church of Monroe, also one Sabbath at the same.
Rev. S. B. C. Wilson one Sabbath at Back creek.
Rev. J. H. Dalton, and Rev. B. L. Beall, to administer the Lords Supper at Tabor.
Rev. W. W. Pharr and J. D. Hall to administer the Lords Supper at Olney.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath at Tabor.
Rev. J. E. McPherson one Sabbath at Bethany.
Rev. J. E. Davis, and D. A. Payton, to administer the Lords Supper at Brusella.
Rev. R. B. Cunningham one Sabbath in Charlotte.
Rev. A. L. Watts one Do. Do. Do.
Rev. D. A. Penick one Do. Do. Do.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for

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Davidson College recommend Revs. Messrs. R. A. Penick, C. Johnston, A. L. Watts, A. Baker, and Messrs. J. W. Osborne, W. L. Harris, Dr. C. S. Hunter, Dr. J. M. Rose, and Dr. E. H. Gibson; Col. Thos. L. Allison in the place of Mr. John R. Alexander, resigned, and Revd Gilbert Morgan in place of Revd W. L. Wall, removed.

(Signed) R. L. McDowell, R. H. Lafferty } Com.

The following arrangements were made for the installation of Revd J. H. Dillon, pastor of the church of Fourth creek; viz; Revd W. S. Rhea to preach the sermon, and Revd R. H. Lafferty to preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charges to pastor and people; The Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May was fixed upon as the time.

The following arrangements were made for the installation of Revd J. H. Dillon pastor of the church of Bethesda; viz; Revd B. L. Beall to preach the sermon, and Revd E. D. Rockwell to preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charges to the pastor and people. And these services to take place Friday before the 1st sabbath in May.

The following Resolutions were presented, and adopted; viz;

Resolved. That the present standing rules of this Presbytery, which require annually a Doctrinal sermon and a sermon on Popery be repealed, and that hereafter it be the standing arrangement of the Presbytery, —

1. That on the second day of the Fall Sessions of the Presbytery at 11 o'clock A. M. the Agent & Treasurer of the Education committee of Presbytery report upon the whole subject of educating candidates for the ministry, to the Presbytery, in the presence of the congregation, that suitable addresses be made by persons designated by said agent, and that a contribution be taken in behalf of the education cause.

2. That the same course be pursued in behalf of Domestic Missions on the second day of the Spring Sessions of Presbytery under the direction of the Agent of that subject.

The Stated Clerk presented a bill of $1.03 cts for contingent expenses, which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

The committee to examine the Latin Exegesis of Mr J. W. Erwin reported, recommending that it be approved as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was accepted and adopted.

Mr Erwin read a popular Lecture, which was sustained as satisfactory.

It was Resolved. That the examination of Mr Erwin be now arrested, and that Presbytery proceed to license him to preach the Gospel; of

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which the following is the record; viz;

At Providence Church the 10th day of April 1852 the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr J. W. Erwin, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishment in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said J. W. Erwin to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or elsewhere else he shall be orderly called. ———

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes.

After recess

Presbytery met. Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises. ✓

It was Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the families of the congregation of Providence for their kindness and hospitality to the members during this session, and that their Pastor be requested to read this resolution from the pulpit.

Revd G. Morgan was substituted as a supply in the place of Revd A. Baker in services at Thyatira.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Morganton on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in May, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Revd Messrs. A. L. Watts, A. Lindsay, Thos. P. Johnston, J. C. Morrison, S. B. A. Wilson, Wm. L. Morrison, Geo. M. Gebby —

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 55 Churches, 2 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post-Office.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Mallard creek P., Ramah, S. S.	Oak Dale, N. C.
R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S.	Unity (Lincoln co.) and Mackfield, S. S.	College Home, N. C.
S. Williamson, D. D., Pres. & S.	College church, P.	Davidson College, N. C.
Stephen Frontis, S. S.	Centre, S. S.	Mount Mourne, N. C.
C. Johnston, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
W. S. Pharr, P.	Concord, P.	Statesville, N. C.
D. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N. C.
Gilbert Morgan, Prof.	Duncans creek, P.	Salisbury, N. C.
A. L. Wallis, P.	Steel creek, & Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N. C.
P. Lindley, P. M.	Third creek, P.	Port Natal, S. Africa.
Thos. P. Johnston, P. M.	Prospect, P.	Smyrna, Asia Minor.
Jas. E. Morrison, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N. C.
Jas. A. Hall, S. S.	New Hope, & Goshen, S. S.	Mt. Gilead, N. C.
S. B. C. Wilson, Prof.	Bethel, S. S.	Davidson College, N. C.
Wm. L. Morrison, S. S.	Rheims Creek, & Swannanoa, S. S.	Swannanoa, N. C.
H. R. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell, & Rocky creek, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N. C.
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Shiloh, P.	Davidson College, N. C.
John E. McPherson, S. S.	Ebenezer, & Hiawassee, S. S.	Franklin, N. C.
W. W. Thagard, P.	Poplar Tent, & Bethpage, P.	Oak Dale, N. C.
G. M. Gibbs.	Bethany, P. Tabor, P.	
J. E. Davis, S. S.	Rutherfordton, & Little Britain, S. S.	Rutherfordton, N. C.
Robt. L. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, Long creek, & Dallas, S. S.	Lincolnton, N. C.
Wm. C. Sutton, S. S.	Lebanon, S. S.	Morven, N. C.
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar Creek, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
S. C. Pharr, P.	Providence, & Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
P. H. Dalton, P.	Fourth creek, & Bethesda, P.	Statesville, N. C.
S. J. Penick, P.	Philadelphia, & Bethlehem, P.	Pioneer Mills, N. C.
Thos. A. Sexton, S. S.	Siloam, & Marion, S. S.	Marion, N. C.
B. L. Beall, S. S. — 30.	Salem, & Wilkesboro, S. S.	Taylorsville, N. C.
Licentiates — 2.	Brunswille, & Olney, P.	
Wm. C. Shultz, S. S.	Morganton, S. S.	Morganton, N. C.
J. W. Crain.	Brasilla, P.	
Candidates — 4.	Hyatts, & Back creek, P.	
	Hopper, P. Unity, & Franklin, P.	
	Fifth creek, P. Asheville, P. — 58.	

Communicants.				Baptized			Sunday Scholars under Care	Funds Collected.						
Added on Exp.	Added on Cert.	Colored Com.	Total Communicants	Adults	In Infancy		Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
			296	6	36		27	32	16		2.56		
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31	4	67	270	12	10	92	46	48			7.51	398	
4		65	162		4	67						169	10
26	1		280		21						3.11	30	
			91										
19			208										
	2		59		13		5	12	3	4		173	
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			48										
9	2	51	232	4	9	80	31	41	7		6.00	400	16
9	8	40	268	2	12	85	32	32			7.00	450	
8	2	11	128	2	8	62	35	34	16	5	6.00	580	20
27	7	54	413	6	41	147	11	12	2	2	6.50	754	8
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The Presbytery of Concord further report that on the 5th day of July 1851, they organized the church of Dallas; that, in the 3d day of Oct. 1851, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John M. Wilson and the congregation of Morganton; that, in the same day they dismissed the Rev. John M. Wilson, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Missouri; that on the same day they received, as a member, Rev. Thos. S. Payton from the Presbytery of Lexington; that, on the same day, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Elnathan G. Walker and the congregations of Little Britain and Duncans creek; that, on the 4th day of Oct. 1851, they dismissed the Rev. J. M. M. Adams, with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. E. G. Walker with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Flint River; that, on the same day they ordained to the work of the holy ministry, as an evangelist, Mr. Benjamin S. Beall; that, on the 4th day of April 1852, they received, as a member, the Rev. Gilbert Morgan from the Presbytery of Grange; that, on the same day, they received under their care Mr. Wm. C. Shultz, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Winchester; that, on the 4th day of April 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. A. Hall and the congregations of Joppa and Unity; that, on the same day they dismissed the Rev. W. A. Hall with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of the Western District; that, on the same day they changed the name of Union church to that of Bethlehem; and, that, on the 10th day of April 1852 they licensed Mr. J. M. Erwin to preach the gospel as a probationer.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 10th 1852.

Morganton, N. C.
Friday, May 14th 1852.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. H. S. Thorn. Present

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Revs. Messrs. H. S. Thorn,	Messrs. A. S. Erwin,
J. S. Payton,	E. J. Erwin.
J. E. Davis,	
R. S. Davis,	
B. S. Beall.	

Rev. H. S. Thorn was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. S. Davis temporary clerk. It was Resolved – That Presbytery proceed to hear the trial sermon of Mr. W. C. Shultz, preparatory to ordination.

After the preaching of this sermon Presbytery took a recess to meet

Morganton, Friday, May 14th 1852.

at the Parsonage at 2 o'clock P. M.

2 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met. Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. W. C. Shultz on experimental religion; Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Sacraments.

Presbytery adjourned to meet here to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, May 15th 1852.

8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The business of Presbytery was resumed, and Mr. Shultz was examined on Philosophy, and the Greek and Hebrew languages.

Mr. Shultz having passed through the various parts of trial, and his examination having been brought to a close – It was Resolved – That his examination in all its parts be sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will proceed to the ordination and installation services at 11 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the church at 11 o'clock.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. R. S. Davis preached the ordination sermon. Rev. H. S. Thorn presided, and proposed the constitutional questions to the candidate and the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr. Wm. C. Shultz was by prayer, and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the congregation of Morganton; after which Rev. J. S. Payton delivered a charge to the newly ordained pastor, and Rev. J. E. Davis delivered the charge to the congregation.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the Parsonage at 3 o'clock P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. W. C. Shultz was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third creek church on Thursday, July 1st 1852 at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Third Creek church, Rowan co. N.C.
Thursday, July 1st 1852.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D.

Present— Ministers

Rev. Messrs R.H. Morrison, D.D.
H.S. Sharr,
D.A. Penick,
G. Morgan
J.E. McPherson,
T.H. Dalton,
T.J. Penick,
B.S. Beall,

Ruling Elders

Messrs Sandy McKinley,
Rufus Ramsey, Center chh.
David Ramsey,
Benjamin Phifer, Third creek chh.
J.F. McCorkle, Back creek chh.

Rev T.H. Dalton was chosen temporary clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the popular sermon from Mr Wm S. Moore, one of our candidates for the ministry. Text John XII. 36.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Messrs W.S. Moore, and James S. Barr, our candidates for licensure, read their popular Lectures founded on portions of scripture previously assigned them, and likewise their critical exercises.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock to hear the popular sermon of Mr J.S. Barr.

Presbytery adjourned to meet this evening at 6 o'clock at the house of Wm B. Wood. Esq. Closed with prayer.

6 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Presbytery proceeded to examine Messrs. Moore, and Barr on Natural and revealed Theology. They then read their Latin Exegesis.

The exegesis of Mr. Moore was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, and T.H. Dalton; and that of Mr. Barr was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. H.S. Sharr, and T.J. Penick, for examination. These committees were ordered to report on these exercises to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Third Creek Church.

Friday, July 2d 1852.
8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The committees appointed to examine the Latin Exegeses of Messrs. Moore and Barr, reported. That they had examined these papers, and recommended their approval. These reports were accepted and adopted. Messrs. Moore, and Barr, were examined on Church History, the Sacraments, Church Government, and Hebrew. The examination was at this point arrested, and Presbytery took a recess until 11 o'clock.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Presbytery attended to the order of the day, viz; hearing the popular sermon of Mr. Barr.

It was Resolved— That the examination in all its parts of Messrs. W.S. Moore, and J.S. Barr, be, and it hereby is approved as satisfactory parts of trial, and that Presbytery will now proceed to license them to preach the gospel, of which the following is the record; viz;

At Third creek church, Rowan co. N.C. the 2d day of July 1852, the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favour of Mr W.S. Moore, and Mr James S. Barr, of their having gone through a regular course of Literature; of their good moral character; and of their being in the communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure: and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies: the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license them, the said W.S. Moore, and James S. Barr, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wheresoever else they shall be orderly called. ———

The clerk of Presbytery was ordered to furnish Messrs. Moore, and Barr with a copy of their licensure.

Mr J.S. Barr was requested to spend one Sabbath at Third Creek, Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek, respectively, and the remainder of his time at discretion between the present and the next meeting of Presbytery.

Mr W.S. Moore was directed to labour until the next

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meeting of Presbytery according to the direction of the committee on Domestic Missions.

Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the good people of Third Creek congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lincolnton on Thursday, Sept. 2d 1852 at 7 oclock P. M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolical Benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Synod of North Carolina
Danville Va October 28th 1852
Examined and approved This 5th.

W. M. Melburne
Mod. of Synod

Lincolnton, N. C.
Thursday, Sept. 2d 1852.
7 oclock P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. from 1. Tim. IV. 16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue "in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that "hear thee." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders:
Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D.	Messrs. David Ballenger,
S. Williamson, D. D.	M. D. Johnston,
S. Frontis,	D. L. Torrance,
C. Johnston,	
A. S. Thorn,	Wm R. Stephenson,
D. A. Penick,	John H. White,
A. L. Watts,	Wm H. Clark,

Ministers.	Ruling Elders:
Revs. Messrs. J. D. Hall,	Messrs. Henry C. Fite,
H. B. Cunningham,	Silas Todd,
A. Baker,	
John E. McPherson,	H. M. Gray,
W. W. Thorn,	
R. N. Davis,	J. A. Ramsour,
T. N. Paxton,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
S. C. Thorn,	T. M. Kirkpatrick,
T. H. Dalton,	T. A. Allison,
T. T. Penick,	Joseph McCombs,
W. C. Shultz,	E. J. Erwin,
	Drury Arrowwood, Long creek church,
	John McCulloch, Thyatira ch.
	Wm Patterson, Bethel ch.
	Robert Brown, Concord Town.

Election of Officers. Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Thos. N. Paxton, Moderator, and Revs. Messrs. H. B. Cunningham, and S. C. Thorn, temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ oclock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Sept. 3d 1852.
8½ oclock, A. M.

Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read.

Minutes read. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The absentees from that meeting rendered excuses for their absence, which were deemed satisfactory.

Letters of dism. Letters were received and read from Revs. Messrs. W. W. Thorn, and Jas E. Morrison, assigning reasons for their absence from the present meeting. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

Treasurer to pay to Treasurer of Synod. The Treasurer of Presbytery was ordered to pay to the Treasurer of Synod the amount of our indebtedness to Synod.

Committees appointed. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz;

1. On Devotional exercises; Rev. Messrs. R. N. Davis, A. Baker, and Mr. J. A. Ramsour.
2. On Supplies; Rev. W. W. Thorn, and Mr. R. Brown.
3. On the Minutes of the General Assembly; Rev. Messrs. S. Williamson, D. D. and Cyrus Johnston.

4. Judicial committee; Revs Messrs R.H. Morrison, D.D, D.A. Penick, & Bonta, and Messrs Thos A. Allison, and Joseph McCombs.
5. On the Narrative; Revs P.J. Penick, and Mr E.J. Erwin.

It was Resolved - That a committee of three be appointed to arrange the standing members of this Presbytery into distinct and permanent committees of examination on Languages, Sciences, Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government; and it shall be the duty of each committee thus arranged to hold itself ready and prepared to examine our candidates for licensure, or ordination on that particular branch assigned to it. Revs Messrs S. Frontis, C. Johnston, and Mr E.J. Erwin, were appointed this committee.

com. appointed to arrange the members of Pby into standing committees of examination.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made their report.

leave of absence granted.

It was resolved - That the money in the hands of Presbytery for commissioners to the General Assembly be paid over to the Treasurer to be kept as a commissioners Fund.

money in the hands of Pby. to be kept as a commissioners fund.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to consider a petition then presented, praying for the restoration of Mr J.H.W. Freeman to the ministry, and to confer with Mr Freeman on this subject and to report on the whole matter, presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz;

Report of com. to confer with Mr J.H.W. Freeman

The Committee appointed to confer with Mr J.H.W. Freeman, and report on his case, having had an interview with him present the following report to Presbytery.

The views and feelings manifested by Mr Freeman in his delicate and humiliating situation seem to be that of genuine sorrow, and deep anxiety to be restored to the office, from which he has been deposed.

The committee are impressed with the delicacy and difficulty of complying with that part of their instructions which demand them to report what is the feeling of the church generally touching his Restoration. They have not the means of knowing this feeling generally. So far as their opportunity of judging extends, they believe that some pious and judicious people desire it, and that others equally pious and judicious are opposed to it. They cannot do better than to refer to the Rule of our Discipline on this subject, which is that a minister deposed for scandalous conduct ought in no case to be restored until it shall appear that the sentiments of the Religious public are strongly in his favor and demand his Restoration. Taking the religious public at large they have not the evidence that their sentiments demand this restoration. Knowing that the Presbytery

Request for the restoration of Mr Freeman rejected.

at large have opportunities of ascertaining the voice of the church, which a small committee cannot possess, they simply report these facts, and refer the case to the judgment of Presbytery.

Presbytery resolved to take up this matter and dispose of it.

The hour having arrived for public worship in the Presbyterian church, Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes, to meet in the White Church.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The hearing of the report of the Treasurer of the education committee was deferred until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

leave of absence granted.

Rev S.C. Shaw obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after this day.

Church of Deerfield organized.

The committee appointed to organize a church at Lenoir, Caldwell Co. Reported - that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and had organized a church at the town of Lenoir by the name of Deerfield, consisting of 3 members, and had ordained one Ruling Elder. This report was accepted, and the church was enrolled. The Ruling Elder from this church, James Harper, appeared in presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Request for the restoration of Mr J.H.W. Freeman rejected.

The Petition for the restoration of Mr J.H.W. Freeman was taken up, and it was Resolved - That the prayer of the Petitioners be not granted - Revs R.H. Morrison, D.D, and H.B. Cunningham, were appointed a committee to inform Mr Freeman of the action of Presbytery in his case.

Mr Shaw did exhibit some parts of trial.

Mr S.C. Alexander one of our candidates for the ministry read before Presbytery a critical exercise, and Latin exegesis; the former was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial, and the latter was referred for examination to Prof. Johnston and Mr D.M. Kirkpatrick.

A church of Monroe organized.

The committee appointed to organize a church in the town of Monroe, Reported - That they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 22d day of May 1852 they organized the church of Monroe, with 11 members, 4 of whom were ordained Ruling Elders.

This report was accepted, and it was ordered that the name of this church be enrolled.

installation

The committee appointed to install Rev J.W. Dalton over the united congregations of Bethesda, and Fourth creek reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that he had been installed at the time specified by Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M. to meet in the Presbyterian church.

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After recess.

Elder appears in Pres.

Presbytery met. Mr. Enos Scroggs, Ruling Elder from the church of Hiwassee, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Letter from Sec. of Board of Directors.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College in regard to the reception of the resignation of two Professors, and notifying the Presbytery to meet as College electors in Charlotte the 1st Wednesday of Nov. 1852: Whereupon it was

an adjourned meeting in Charlotte.

Resolved. That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Charlotte on the 1st Wednesday in Nov. at 11 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of considering the objects specified in the letter.

report on the minutes of the Gen. Assy.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows;

1st The committee report that they would call the attention of Presbytery to resolutions on page 226, referred to a committee to be brought before the next General Assembly touching the rights of American citizens in Foreign Countries.

2d The committee would call the attention of Presbytery to resolutions on the subject of Education of pious young men for the ministry on page 212; 2d and 4th resolutions.

3d The committee would call the attention of Presbytery to the subject of Domestic Missions on page 115; resolution 2d.

4th To the Board of Publication on page 117; resolution 7th

5th To the recommendation of the Assembly on page 222; Resolution 2d calling for aid to erect a church in the city of Washington.

Resolved. That the Presbytery approve the recommendations of the Assembly on the great subject of christian liberality, and recommend to the Pastors and churches under our care to advance by every prudent means the benevolent work of extending the Redeemers Kingdom and carrying the Gospel to every creature.

resolutions passed at a former meeting read.

The resolutions passed by Presbytery at its sessions in Taylorsville were read, and the roll being called, the members were interrogated as to the discharge of their duty in presenting to their several charges the various benevolent causes of the church.

a member appears in Pres.

Rev. Thos. E. Davis appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

auditing com.

A committee consisting of M. D. Johnston, J. M. Kirkpatrick, and J. A. Allison, were appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Education committee.

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report on Latin exercises.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin exercises of Mr. S. C. Alexander reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that it be sustained as satisfactory and correct.

com. on finances to be appointed.

It was resolved that a committee on Finance be appointed every year, to attend to any financial concerns that may come before them.

report on state of religion.

It was resolved, that each member of Presbytery hand in their respective reports on the state of religion this evening at 7 o'clock.

The pastoral letter on ministerial support was made the order of the day for to morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

next semi-annual meeting.

It was resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Thyatira, Rowan Co. N.C. on the third Thursday of April 1853 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mr. John McCulloch obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after to-day.

Mr. David Ballenger obtained leave of absence this evening, to return to-morrow.

report of com. of assessment.

The committee appointed to assess the churches for the purpose of raising the Commissioners fund presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to make an assessment on the churches for the commissioners fund report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend the following assessment; viz;

Mallard creek	$6.00	Pleasant Hill	$5.00	Salisbury	$15.00
Ramah	5.00	Third creek	10.00	Shiloh	2.50
Unity (Lincoln Co.)	8.00	Prospect	8.00	Ebenezer	2.50
Mackpelah	4.00	Concord Town	10.00	Hiwassee	2.00
Davidson College	6.00	New Hope	6.00	Poplar Tent	10.00
Centre	10.00	Goshen	4.00	Bethpage	5.00
Charlotte	15.00	Bethel	4.00	Bethany	6.00
Concord	10.00	Rheims creek	3.00	Tabor	6.00
Rocky River	15.00	Swannanoa	3.00	Rutherfordton	3.00
Duncans creek	2.00	Hopewell	10.00	Little Britain	4.00
Steel creek	10.00	Taw creek	4.00	Lincolnton	5.00

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Long creek	$3.00	Bethlehem	$4.00	Back creek	$6.00
Dallas	3.00	Siloam	3.00	Joppa	4.00
Lebanon	3.00	Marion	3.00	Unity (Rowan)	4.00
Sugar creek	10.00	Salem	4.00	Franklin	3.00
Providence	6.00	Wilkesboro	2.00	Fifth creek	2.00
Sharon	6.00	Burnsville	1.00	Asheville	5.00
Fourth creek	7.00	Olney	2.00	Hendersonville	2.00
Bethesda	3.00	Morganton	7.00	Lenoir	2.00
Philadelphia	8.00	Hyatteva	6.00	Monroe	2.00

The report of the committee on the state of Davidson college was taken up, and again read. The resolutions which led to the appointment of the committee to prepare this report were then read.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock, to meet in the White Church.

After recess.

order of the day attended to. Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up and attended to, viz; handing in reports on the state of religion.

report on Davidson college. The unfinished business, the report on the condition of Davidson College was taken up.

The first resolution was adopted, and the following committee was appointed under it viz; Revd C. Johnston, R.H. Lafferty, H.B. Cunningham, and Messrs J.H. Wilson and J.W. Osborne.

Stated clerk to notify the Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Bethel. It was resolved. That the stated clerk of this Presbytery be required to notify the Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Bethel of the action of this Presbytery in reference to a change of the Charter; viz; that the election of Professors be transferred from the Convention of Presbyteries to the Board of Trustees and seek their co-operation in a memorial to the Legislature.

The second item in the report was adopted, requiring the Records of the Faculty to be examined annually by the Board of Trustees.

The 3d item was amended by striking out the part referring to rumors, and was then adopted.

Messrs Silas Todd, Joseph McCombs, J.A. Allison, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Messrs Silas Todd, Joseph McCombs, J. A. Allison, obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning in the Presbyterian church. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday Morning, Sept. 4th 1852.
8½ o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

members obtain leave of absence. Revd R.H. Morrison, D.D. J.D. Hall, and Majors W.L. Torrence, Wm Patterson, and Wm H. Clark, obtained leave of absence after this morning session.

report of com. to arrange the members of Pres. into standing cs. com. The committee appointed to arrange the members of Presbytery in Examining committees presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz;

The committee appointed to arrange the standing members of this Presbytery into seperate and permanent committees to examine our candidates on the different branches of study- present the following report viz;

To examine on the Hebrew Language - Revs Messrs A. Baker, A.L. Watts, and Thos E. Davis.

On Greek and Latin - Revs S.B.O. Wilson, J.E. Morrison, J.D. Hall, H.B. Cunningham, and B.L. Beall.

On Mathematics - Revs S.C. Thorn, T.A. Penick, and Wm C. Sutton.

On Sciences - Revs S. Williamson, D.D. Cyrus Johnston, Gilbert Morgan, E.F. Rockwell, and Thos N. Paxton.

On Theology - Revs Messrs W.L. Thorn, T.A. Penick, T.H. Dalton, John E. McPherson, and S. Frontis.

On Ecclesiastical History - Revs Messrs R.H. Morrison, D.D. W.W. Thorn, R.N. Davis, and Wm C. Sheets.

On Church Government - Revs H.N. Thorn, R.H. Lafferty, Wm N. Morrison, and G.M. Gibbs.

report of com. on supplies. The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz;

Revd W.L. Thorn one Sabbath at discretion.
" R.H. Morrison, D.D. 1 Sabbath at discretion.
" S. Frontis 1 Sabbath at Bethany.
" C. Johnston 1 Sabbath at Monroe.
" T.A. Penick 1 Sabbath at Wadesboro
" H.N. Thorn " " " Lenoir
" A.L. Watts " " " Wadesboro
" H.B. Cunningham 1 Sabbath at discretion.
" A. Baker 1 sabbath at Third creek.

Rev. W. W. Harr 1 Sabbath at Discretion.
" J. E. Morrison " " " "
" J. L. Hall " " " "
" R. N. Davis " " " "
" J. E. Davis " " " "
" R. H. Lafferty " " " "
" S. C. Harr " " " Widesboro.
" P. H. Dalton " " " Fifth creek.
" P. J. Penick " " " Monroe.
" Wm C. Shultz " " " Discretion.
" J. N. Payton " " " "
" J. E. McPherson " " " Tabor.
" B. L. Beall " " " Lenoir.
" Wm N. Morrison " " " Discretion.

(Signed) W. N. Harr. } Committee on Supplies.
R. H. Brown }

Statistical report approved.

The Stated clerk presented the Statistical report of Presbytery which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Report of Trustees of Davidson College.

The Report of the Trustees of Davidson College to Presbytery was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of Presbytery and is as follows, viz: The Board of Trustees

Report to the Presbytery of Concord. That the condition and prospects of the college during the past year have been good. That the number of Students connected with the college was 66, and that the Senior Class numbering 10 received the degree of A. B. on the 12th of August having stood their final examination to the entire satisfaction of the examining committee, and that the examination of the under classes was very creditable to the college. We would further state that the moral and orderly conduct of the students has been good, and that prospect for a large increase of Students is better than it has ever been. Amount of Tuition fees for the year - - - - $1522.50 cts.
Interest on endowment - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 1963.07½ cts.
$3485.57½
leaving a deficit of - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 714.42½ against the college after meeting the expense.

The Board further report that there is no doubt of the 400 Scholarships being sold by the 1st of Jan next, and that the scholarship plan will go into effect at that time; and it is the wish and intention of the Board to sell if possible 600 Scholarships, that there may be some funds

annually accruing for the increase of the library and other necessary expenses. Respectfully Submitted
Sept 3d 1852. } (Signed) S. Williamson, Stephen Frontes, } Committee.

The unfinished business was taken up, viz; the consideration of the report on Davidson College. The 2d and 3d resolutions were adopted. The whole report as amended was then adopted, and is as follows viz;

Report on the condition of Davidson College.

The committee appointed by Concord Presbytery at its last regular meeting to examine into and report on the causes for the languishing condition of Davidson College - met with two members of a similar committee appointed by Bethel Presbytery, Dec. 17th 1851. And after due consultation, they have agreed upon the following, as the report of the joint committee, which they would respectfully submit to the Presbyteries.

The causes for the languishing condition of the Institution may be, in the judgment of the committee divided into two classes. Internal and external.

1st Internal - The Charter. This instrument as it now reads leaves the power to elect the officers of College entirely in the hands of the Presbyteries. It is usual for this power to be lodged in the hands of Trustees. Under the existing charter the governing power is too remote from the college. The Trustees of the Institution are a powerless body - their hands are tied. They cannot elect or remove any officer from College except the Steward. As the charter now is, the machinery of government is too much complicated; there is too much friction. The responsibility is too much scattered. The Presbyteries look to the Trustees for the welfare of the College, and the Trustees look to the Presbyteries with whom the power is lodged. And the old adage is none the less true, in consequence of its age - "What is every bodies business is done by no one". We think that it would be to the permanent advantage of the Institution, to have the governing power located in the hands of a few, who would feel the responsibility, study the interest, and look after the welfare of the College; rather than have it divided among so many on whom the responsibility cannot be so readily fixed. In our Presbyteries the Elders, who are equal or more in number than the ministers, are constantly changing. It is seldom that the same Elder attends two meetings of Presbytery in succession. They are usually appointed but a few days before the Presbytery meets, and consequently they cannot have their thoughts directed to and their eye fixed upon the College. But if the governing power

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were left entirely with the Trustees they would feel its responsibilities their feelings would become interested, and they themselves would become identified with the College: they would think and talk about it, and what is more important, they would pray for it. This change would greatly simplify the government of the Institution; and the more government can be simplified the better for those who govern, as well as for those who are governed. The orthodoxy of the Institution is sufficiently secured by leaving the election of Trustees with the Presbyteries - one fourth of whom are elected annually.

Your committee therefore would respectfully request, and urge the Presbyteries to memorialize the next Legislature, so to alter the Charter as to leave the election of all the officers of College in the hands of the Trustees.

2d The Laws. - The committee would recommend that the Laws of College be so amended as to require the Trustees to examine the records of the faculty annually. The constitution of our church requires the higher Judicatures to examine the records of the lower courts annually. And this feature in our government has an important bearing upon the peace, the purity, and the prosperity of our church. We think that an annual examination of the records of the faculty by the Trustees would contribute to the prosperity of the College. We do not know that the records of the faculty have ever been examined by the Trustees, and consequently they must be to some extent in the dark respecting the doings of the faculty - respecting the fidelity with which the laws have been executed.

3d The execution of the Laws. So far as the committee can judge from the records kept by the faculty - the laws of College have been generally executed with fidelity. But in one recorded instance, where a student not only carried, but attempted to use a deadly weapon - drawing a pistol upon a fellow student - the punishment was not adequate to the crime. The law says expressly that no student shall even keep any deadly weapon under severe punishment. But in the instance refered to, an attempt to use a deadly weapon was not punished. It amounted to no punishment - being merely an admonition from the faculty.

4th The external cause. In the judgment of the committee the paramount external cause for the languishing condition of the College, is to be found in the want of harmony in feeling, in counsel, in action,

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on the part of Concord Presbytery, and the Trustees - the appointed guardians of the Institution. Harmonious counsel, and united action is of the first importance in securing any great object - in accomplishing any grand enterprize. What has been often said of our country, is equally true of our College - United we stand, divided we fall. A band of brethren united in feeling, in interest, in action, is stronger than any wall that can be raised up to oppose them. Solomon has long since said that a three fold cord is not easily broken. And a greater than Solomon has said that a house divided against itself must fall.

The committee would therefore unanimously request, and urge the Presbytery to inquire into the cause of this distracted state of feeling. Why is it thus? Why is it that the Presbytery, and the Trustees do not unite with the heart of one man in sustaining and building up the Institution of our own planting - which is the only Institution of the kind under the control of our church within the limits of the State? Why is it that those who have been the warm and tried friends of the Institution in days past have forsaken her in the time of her greatest need? Why is it that so many whose location, and position would lead them to patronize Davidson College, are found patronizing other Institutions. We would respectfully urge the Presbytery to prosp these inquiries until they ascertain the true cause, and then apply the remedy. The committee would press this matter upon the Presbytery with importunity, because they feel satisfied that not only the prosperity, but the very existence of the College requires it.

But while we are examining the internal, and the external causes for the languishing condition of our College - Let us not forget that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. Except the Lord keep the city the watchmen waketh but in vain. And the great builder, and maker of all things has said - Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

The committee in performing the responsible duty required by Presbytery have endeavored not to create causes, or to imagine difficulties, but to state facts. And these facts are embodied in this report. All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Walter W. Thorn
A. Baker
E. J. Erwin
} Com.

Resolved 1st That a committee of Five be appointed to prepare and present a petition to the Legislature respecting the proposed alteration

of the Charter.

2d Resolved. That it is of the highest importance to the interest of our country and to the cause of religion that we should have a literary Institution of high character in Western Carolina.

3d Resolved. That we as a Presbytery will unanimously rally around Davidson College, we will pray for its extended usefulness - we will unitedly labor to remove every hindering cause to its prosperity - until it becomes what we all desire it to be a nursery of piety, a fountain of learning, and science - from which shall issue many streams to make glad the city of our God. (These Resolutions were offered by the foregoing com. and belong to their report.)

request for the ordination of Mr. Moore.

A letter from the church of Hiwasee asking for the ordination of Mr. Wm S. Moore. "Sine titulo" was received and read; Whereupon it was Resolved. That the granting of this request be deferred in hope that that church will soon be ready to present a call for Mr. Moore.

supplies

Revs. Messrs. J. E. McPherson, and W. S. Shaw were appointed to visit the church of Ebenezer and administer the Lords supper.

Letter from Rev. W. K. Morrison.

com. on said letter.

A letter was received from Rev. W. K. Morrison assigning reasons for absence from the last and present sessions of Presbytery which were sustained. A committee, consisting of Revs. Messrs. S. Frontis, W. W. Shaw, and Mr. E. J. Erwin, was appointed to consider one part of this letter. Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess

order of the day taken up.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up; viz; Report of the committee to prepare a Pastoral letter. It was read and accepted.

report of Treasurer on Education.

The time having arrived, the order of the day was taken up: viz; report of the Treasurer of the Education Committee. The report was read, and after addresses by Revs. Messrs D. A. Penick, R. H. Lafferty, and W. W. Shaw it was accepted, and is as follows; viz;

To the Presbytery of Concord.

The Treasurer of your committee on the education of candidates for the ministry respectfully reports That since the spring meeting of Presbytery he has received

From Salem chh. by Rev. Mr Beall	$14.86 cts.
From the chh. at Charlotte by Rev C. Johnston	62.30
" " Rocky River by Mr J. H. White, additional	.50
" " Siloam by Rev. Mr Paxton	7.50
" " Marion " " "	6.50

amounting to - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $91.66 cts.
out of which he has paid to Mr W. S. Moore the balance of his expenses - 34.86 cts.
leaving a balance now in the treasury of - - - - - - - - $56.80 cts.

Your treasurer would further state that since he was appointed a member and the treasurer of the committee of Education, which occurred at the fall meeting of Presbytery at Lincolnton 1845, he has received from various churches as reported at different times; in all $1026.76 cts. and has paid out $971.85 cts. leaving a balance, as before stated of $56.80.

During the term of years covered by this report, it ought to be stated that only about one third of the churches have contributed any thing in this cause, thro. the medium of your committee.

Your committee has had only one candidate under their care during this term of seven years - viz; Mr W. S. Moore, who has recently completed his course of Theological studies at Union Theological Seminary, and been licensed by Concord Presbytery to preach the Gospel. He is now laboring as a Missionary under the direction of your Missionary committee.

It may not be improper to state here that several young men of promise, it is confidently expected, will very soon be proposed for the patronage of the committee.

Having served the Presbytery in this capacity for Seven years, the Treasurer of the committee hereby respectfully tenders the resignation of his place in that committee.

(Signed) Daniel A. Penick.

auditing com.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Education committee presented their report which was accepted and is as follows; viz; The Committee of Presbytery appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, have made examination, and found that he has received into his hands as Treasurer the sum of $1026.76.
and that he has paid out as Treasurer the sum of - - - - - - 971.85
leaving in his hands the balance of - - - - - - - - - $54.91.

Signed by order of the committee
W. S. Johnston, Chairman.

The resignation of Rev D. A. Penick as treasurer of the committee of education was accepted; and

It was Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Rev D. A. Penick for his continued and faithful services as Treasurer of the Presbyterial Education committee. Rev C. Johnston was appointed Treasurer of the committee of education.

resolution referred to Education com.

The following resolution was presented for the consideration of Presbytery. Resolved - That we as a Presbytery become auxiliary to the Board of Education established by our General Assembly. This resolution was referred to the Education committee, to report at the next meeting of Presbytery. A Paper on the subject of a Female College was read, and laid on the table. The com. on Devotional exercises reported, which was laid on the table.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Narrative

Presbytery met. The committee on the Narrative on the state of religion presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz:

In presenting to Synod their narrative of the state of religion within their bounds the Presbytery of Concord would say, that as far as it can be ascertained, the churches within our bounds are not increasing as rapidly in numbers, in efficiency, in piety and in benevolence, as the promises of the Head of the Church lead us to expect and desire. In most of the churches, it is not permitted to us to record more than the usual attendance upon and attention to the means of grace. There seems not to be amongst us that proving of the Lord with the sacrifices of persevering importunate prayer and tythes and other offerings that would certainly, according to the promise of God, be followed with the increased piety of our church members, and numerous conversions of sinners. Persons are not numerously added to our Churches of such as shall be saved, and this leads us to fear that there is too little prayer, too much formality in God's worship, and too much conformity to the world on the part of our ministers and people. As far as information can be gained there are but few prayer meetings kept up in the congregations within our bounds. There seems also to be on the part of many church members, and we regret to add, of our Elders also a great lack of family religion. We have reason to fear that in many families of christian professors, the family altar is not erected, and the amount of religious family instruction small.

With regard to monthly concerts for prayer, it is thought that they are not generally observed throughout our churches.

It is gratifying to know that Sabbath Schools are generally kept up, and well attended. We are sorry that concerning any church, it has to be said, it has no Sabbath school.

We believe that greater attention than formerly is given to the religious instruction of the Coloured population. Jones' Catechism for the oral instruction of the blacks is used in many of our Churches. We have reason to hope that the cause of Temperance is on the advance. Our ministers and Churches have imbibed a greater spirit of benevolence, but there is still room for vast improvement in this respect.

We are gratified to report the case of a church ehine for the last 12 months we hope the gentle dews of God's grace have been falling. The church is small, numbering, 12 months ago about 50 members, and very poor. A large and convenient church building has recently been erected. The attendance on the public ministrations of the Word has been trebled, the new house being generally on Sabbath days filled to overflowing. During many months, services have been held in the church at night on week days, when whole families, in which were weak and aged females, would walk 3 and 4 miles to the house of God to hear the word of life. Within the last 5 months 30 souls have been added to that church. Some who have not connected themselves with the church are indulging the hope that their sins are forgiven, and numbers are deeply concerned for the salvation of their souls.

We have need of fervent prayer that this work may be genuine, may increase in that Church, and spread through all the churches within our bounds - Respectfully Submitted

Signed T. D. Penick, E. X. Erwin } Com.

Female college.

The subject of a Female college was taken up. The paper was adopted, and is as follows; viz: Whereas the impression is spreading and strengthening that Concord Presbytery ought to unite in building up a Female Institution of high character somewhere in our bounds in which sound learning would be imparted, and a finished education could be obtained on christian principles: And believing that this enterprize is closely connected with the best interest of our country - that it would give character to our church, and prosperity to our Zion:

Resolved - therefore that a committee of five located in different parts of the Presbytery be appointed to take this whole matter under consideration, and report in full at the next regular meeting

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Resolved 2d That the points to which the Presbytery would particularly direct the attention of the committee when appointed, would this enterprize be practicable, if practicable, the location, and manner of endowment, &c—

common subject of preach &c

The following committee were appointed to carry out the resolutions; viz; Revs. Messrs. H. N. Shaw, W. W. Shaw, H. B. Cunningham, and Messrs. E. J. Erwin, and J. F. Phifer.

pastoral letter adopted.

The Pastoral Letter was then taken up and adopted. It was resolved that 500 copies be published, and that it be read from all our pulpits.

The committee on Rev. W. S. Morrison's letter reported, and Rev. S. Frontis was appointed to write to him on the subject of his letter.

vote of thanks.

It was Resolved— That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Lincolnton for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during the present meeting, and that this resolution be read by the pastor from the pulpit at any time he may see proper.

Resolved— That Presbytery now adjourn to meet in Charlotte on Wednesday, Nov. 3d 1852, at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

Thos. N. Paxton, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B.— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Revs. Messrs. G. Morgan, L. Lindsley, Thos. E. Johnston, S. B. O. Wilson, ~~W. L. Morrison~~, E. F. Rockwell, W. C. Sutton, Geo. M. Gibbs, and B. L. Beall.

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1852.

Statistical report.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina— That they consist of 31 ministers, and have under their care 60 congregations, 3 licentiates, and two candidates; that on the 8th day of April 1852 they received, as a member, the Rev. Gilbert Morgan from

the Presbytery of Orange; that, on the same day they received under their care Mr. W. C. Sheetz, a licentiate from the Presbytery of Winchester; that on the 9th day of April 1852, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. W. H. Hall, and the congregations of Joppa and Unity; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. W. A. Hall with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of the Western District; that on the same day they changed the name of Union church to that of Bethlehem; that on the 10th day of April 1852 they licensed Mr. J. W. Ervin to preach the gospel as a probationer; that they have installed Rev. D. H. Dalton, pastor of the united congregations of Fourth creek, and Bethesda; that they have organized the two new churches of Monroe, and Fairfield; that on the 15th day of May 1852 they ordained Mr. W. C. Sheetz, and installed him pastor of the church of Morganton; and that, on the 2d day of July 1852 they licensed Messrs. W. S. Moore, and J. S. Barr, to preach the gospel as probationers.

By order of the Presbytery
Sept. 4th 1852. R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.

Wednesday, Nov. 3d 1852.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D., the last Moderator.

Present: Ministers.

Revs. Messrs. W. S. Shaw.
R. H. Morrison, D. D.
C. Johnston.
H. N. Shaw,
L. L. Pinick.
G. Morgan,
A. L. Watts.
H. B. Cunningham,
A. Baker,
G. M. Gibbs,
R. H. Lafferty,
D. H. Dalton,
P. J. Pinick,
S. Williamson, D. D.
W. W. Shaw,

Ruling Elders.

Messrs. Henderson Emery,
R. S. McDowell,
R. C. Carson,
Fielding Watts,
Sandy McKinley,

John H. McDowell,
A. B. Davidson,
D. A. Davis,
W. M. Gray,
D. D. Caldwell, M. D.
J. A. Allison,
B. Muse,
Dan Alexander,
E. J. Erwin,

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Revd. Messrs. J. D. Hall,	Messrs. J. F. McCorkle,
J. E. Morrison,	John McCulloch,
	Richard Lowrie,
	H. R. Hall,
	A. Springs,
	Samuel Craig,
	Thos. M. Kirkpatrick.

It was resolved. that we now inform the Presbytery of Bethel that we are now prepared to meet in convention with them, for the purpose of nominating two Professors for Davidson College.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet at the call of the Mode.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was Resolved that Presbytery now proceed to the election of a Prof. for Languages, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Revd. James R. Gilland.

Mr. R. L. Hedrick was elected Prof. of Mathematics. One dissenting vote.

The Stated clerk was ordered to inform the President of the Board of Trustees of these elections.

The committee appointed to memorialize the Legislature to change the Charter of Davidson College reported the change to be made which was accepted and approved, and they were instructed to lay it before the Legislature and secure their action on it. and it is as follows viz:

Change of the Charter of Davidson College.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That section 6th of the act passed at the General Assembly of the state of North Carolina at the session of 1836-1837 incorporating Davidson College be repealed. And it is further enacted. that the Trustees of said College shall be authorized and empowered whenever necessary and expedient to appoint a president of said College and such professors and tutors or other officers as to them may appear necessary and proper.

The name of Mr. R. L. Davis was substituted for that of Rev. T. C. Johnston on this com.

Resolved. that the Treasurer pay, from any money that may be in his hands $25.00, for printing the Pastoral letter.

The Chairman of the committee on the pastoral letter was directed to divide the printed copies of it to each church.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Hyattera Rowan co. N. C. on Thursday the 21st day of April 1853, at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B.— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz; Revs. Messrs. A. Brantley, D. Lindley, Thos. P. Johnston, S. B. C. Wilson, Wm. M. Morrison, E. F. Rockwell, J. E. McPherson, W. C. Shultz, W. C. Sutton, G. M. Gibbs, J. E. Davis, R. N. Davis, J. N. Paxton, J. C. Shaw, B. S. Beall.

Hyattera church, Rowan Co. N. C.
Thursday, April 21st 1853
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened by a Sermon by Rev. J. N. Paxton, Moderator, from Heb. XIII. 16. "But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revd. Messrs. W. S. Shaw,	
R. H. Morrison, D. D.	Messrs. R. L. McDowell,
S. Williamson, D. D.	Dan Alexander,
A. Brantley,	
C. Johnston,	S. Nye Hutchison,
H. N. Shaw,	Abner Morrison,
D. A. Penick,	David White,
J. E. Morrison,	Daniel Coleman,
J. D. Hall,	Jas. W. Reid,
S. B. C. Wilson,	Milton Rosebro,
H. B. Cunningham,	T. S. Monteith,
A. Baker,	D. A. Davis,
J. E. McPherson,	John N. Torrance,
W. C. Sutton,	Angus McLaugan,
R. N. Davis,	
J. N. Paxton,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
J. C. Shaw,	E. C. Barnett,
P. H. Dalton,	S. R. Bell,
P. J. Penick,	Wm. Maxwell,
B. L. Beall,	R. C. Wilson,
	James Hill, Bethany church.
	J. C. Ford, Unity ch. (Rowan)
	James Harper, Fairfield ch.
	John M. Torrance, Back creek ch.
	Jas. G. Gray, Ebenezer ch.
	Jas. F. Bell, Fifth creek church.
	Hiram Cannon, Poplar Tent.
	Wm. Patterson,
	Alexander Torrance.

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Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs. J. C. Shaw for Moderator, and Rev. P. H. Dalton, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison for temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes. After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Lebeteus Gaither, Ruling elder from Tabor church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read, and absentees from said meeting being called on for their reasons for absence, assigned them, which were sustained.

Those appointed at the last meeting to do missionary work were called on for their report as to the fulfilment of these appointments; when Revs. Messrs. W. N. Shaw, P. H. Dalton, D. J. Pemick, and J. E. McPherson, reported that they had filled the appointments assigned them; and Revs. Messrs. W. L. Shaw, R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. Prontis, C. Johnston, D. J. Pemick, H. B. Cunningham, A. Baker, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, R. N. Davis, R. H. Lafferty, and J. C. Shaw, ~~and B. L. Beall~~, reported that they had failed to fulfill the appointments assigned them.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, a member of Orange Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made a statement in relation to the funds on hand: Whereupon it was Resolved- That each member pay $1.00 into the Contingent Fund.

Mr. Robert Agnew, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Charleston, was received on certificate under the care of this Presbytery.

A petition was received and read from members of Salem church living in Taylorsville and vicinity, asking Presbytery to organize a church in this village. The prayer of these petitioners was granted; and Revs. Messrs. W. N. Shaw, B. L. Beall, and Mr. Abner Morrison, Ruling Elder, were appointed a committee to organize this church before the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to hear in sessional reports.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M. to hear the reports of the committee on Domestic Missions.

A paper was received from the session of Philadelphia church containing a charge against Mr. John W. Davis, a Ruling Elder in said church, and referring the same to Presbytery for final adjudication.

This paper was referred to a judicial committee consisting of the following members, viz: Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., W. N. Shaw, C. Johnston,

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and Messrs R. L. McDowell, and J. Coleman.

Papers were received and read from the members of the sessions of the churches of Sharon and Providence in regard to Mr. James C. Kennedy, a blind young man, who wishes to place himself under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry. These papers testify to Mr. Kennedy's ardent piety, strong desire to preach the gospel, remarkable proficiency, and promising prospects; and recommend him to the favorable notice of Presbytery. It was resolved that his case be taken up to-morrow after the handing in of sessional reports.

Calls from the churches of Ebenezer and Hiwassee for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm. L. Moore were read; and their further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The following committees were announced:

On Devotional Exercises- Revs. Messrs. J. Prontis, J. B. D. Wilson, and Mr. Wm. Maxwell.

On the Narrative- Revs. B. L. Beall, Rev. D. J. Pemick, and Mr. D. A. Davis.

On Supplies- Revs. J. N. Taylor, Rev. H. B. Cunningham, and Mr. Wyon Cannon and Dan Alexander.

On the Minutes of Synod- Revs. J. Williamson, D.D. Rev. W. L. Shaw, and Mr. J. M. Reid.

It was Resolved- That a committee be appointed to collect all the standing rules of Presbytery that are in the present Vol. of records, and prepare any additional rules that may be necessary, with the view of having them recorded in some separate place in the Book of Records convenient for reference.

Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, C. Johnston, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison, were appointed this committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected. Revs. Messrs. W. N. Shaw, and W. C. Sheets, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for their late attendance took their seats. Mr. E. J. Erwin, Ruling elder from Morganton, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Rev. Mr. Ingold, of the German Reformed church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. M. D. Allen laid before Presbytery a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange, whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and received

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as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: handing in sessional reports. It was Resolved. That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that all church sessions, which fail to hand in a statistical report at the spring meeting of Presbytery, send their report to the Stated clerk, as soon after as possible.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up, viz: the case of Mr James C. Kennedy. After some discussion his case was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. C. Johnston, R. H. Lafferty, and D. R. Preston. This committee was requested to report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the reference from the session of Philadelphia church which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

A reference from the church session of Philadelphia having been committed to the Judicial committee, and the facts in the case having been examined, the following Report is respectfully presented:

The charge against Mr. Davis a ruling elder of said church is, an open violation of a written Pledge to abstain from all use of ardent spirits, and to discourage the use of them in others. Mr. Davis admitted before the session that he told his son that his own hands were tied by the Temperance Pledge, thus acknowledging its obligation. That the father told his son that he might procure spirits to be used at his own house and in his presence.

This the committee cannot but regard as a violation of his own obligations voluntarily assumed. This violation we regard as not the less aggravated by the fact that his own child was made the instrument of its perpetration.

It is presumed that no Temperance associations in the country expect or desire men to continue in connexion with them longer than they wish. But while they do continue under their obligations, the world expects, and the church has a right to expect, an honest observance of written pledges.

We therefore think that a christian spirit should prompt Mr. Davis candidly to acknowledge his fault. We recommend that the case be sent back to the session with the advice that when Mr. Davis makes satisfactory acknowledgments to the session, that he be restored to fair standing.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report which was accepted, and is as follows. The committee on Devotional Exercises beg leave to present the following report, viz: That said religious exercises take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the following order.

1st. Psalmody by the Rev. W. L. Pharr.
2d. Prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr.
3d. Reading a portion of scripture by Rev. R. H. Lafferty.
4th. Address by Rev. R. W. Morrison. D. D.
5th. Prayer by Rev. A. Williamson, D. D.
6th. Doxology and Benediction by the Moderator.

(Signed) A. Fontis,
A. B. O. Wilson,
Wm. Maxwell, } Committee.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz; The committee to examine the minutes of the Synod of North Carolina, report that they have attended to the duty assigned, and find nothing demanding any action of the Presbytery. (Signed) A. Williamson,
Walter L. Pharr.

Messrs. D. L. Davis and E. J. Erwin, were appointed a committee on finance. The account of the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions was referred to the financial committee.

The several committees appointed to examine the sessional records made their reports, all which were accepted, and adopted, and the exceptions entered in the books to which exceptions were taken.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M. to hear the report of the agent for Foreign Missions.

It was Resolved. That this Presbytery require each minister and session to accompany their statistical report with a narrative of the state of religion in each church in writing.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Revs. Messrs. J. C. Morrison and S. C. Pharr. Ruling Elders. Messrs. A. Coleman, and R. L. McDowell, Principals. Revs. P. J. Penick, Rev. P. H. Dalton, Messrs. A. H. Hutchison and A. B. Davidson, alternates.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. to hear the report of the agent for the Board of Publication.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock,

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A.M. to hear the report of the committee on the establishment of a Female Seminary.

The church of Hendersonville recently organized was taken under the care of Presbytery and enrolled.

The churches of Monroe, Fairfield, and Hendersonville were each assessed $2.00 for commissioners fund.

The order of the day was suspended, viz: the report of the committee on Domestic Missions; and Presbytery proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion in the churches.

The financial committee presented their report on the accounts of the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz:

We have examined the foregoing account of E.T. Rockwell, Treasurer of committee of Domestic Missions; the charges are sustained by proper vouchers, and we find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Eight Hundred and eighty six 28/100 dollars ($886.28). In addition to this sum $404 have been forwarded to the present Board, Philadelphia, and placed to our credit.

(Signed) E.T. Erwin, D.A. Davis } Committee.

Rev. A. Baker, Rev. H.B. Cunningham, and Mr. D. Coleman, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, in place of those whose term expires at this time.

It was resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the town of Asheville, on Thursday preceding the 1st Sabbath in September, at 7 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to hear the report of the committee of Domestic Missions, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee of Domestic Missions respectfully report to Presbytery, that during the year Four Missionaries have been employed within our bounds.

1st. Rev. W.C. Sutton has laboured one third of his time in the county of Anson, preaching statedly at Lebanon church, and occasionally at a School House some 7 or 8 miles from that church. The other two thirds of his time is given to churches within the bounds of

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Harmony Presbytery in South Carolina. The church of Lebanon contributes to his support about $75 for the year. The other churches in Harmony Presbytery about $150. Mr. Sutton receives from the Board $100. The prospect is therefore not very promising that the portion of this missionary field within our bounds will soon be able to support the gospel. Two additions to the church of Lebanon are reported, and increased attention to the means of grace, and an interesting class for Bible instruction.

2d. Rev. Thos. N. Paxton has laboured during the year in McDowell county - giving most of his time to the churches of Marion and Siloam preaching occasionally at Drusilla church, and other destitute places.

This is a difficult and very important field of Missionary labor. Although Mr. Paxton has been zealous and faithful in preaching the truth, and in giving Sabbath School and catechetical instructions, he mourns over the fact that but few have been added to the church.

The people have contributed about $230 during the year towards his support. He receives $100 from the Board. Unless the Spirit of God should open the hearts of those who are able to give in this field, the day is distant when they will sustain the gospel without aid. And yet when it is remembered how much has been done for those churches, how important are their relations to an interesting portion of country, and that a few are liberal and very anxious to have the ministrations of the gospel, it would not seem to be right to surrender the field. The congregation of Siloam are building a new church which they expect to complete during the next summer.

3d. The Rev. M.J. Allen has labored during the year at Asheville, Swannanoa and Rhiems creek churches in Buncombe county. Owing to repeated disappointments and long destitutions, the state of things in this field seemed to be dark and unpromising when the Missionary entered it. His labors have been very zealous and untiring, and seem, and seem, with the blessing of God, to have been crowned with signal success. Seventy one persons have been added to these churches, and to one lately organized by him in Hendersonville. Some of these additions have been by the return of members from the New School Church, who had formerly been in our connexion. The number of hopeful conversions reported is 50 or 54. A new church has been

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formed at Hendersonville, and part of his labors are now given to that place. Three Sabbath Schools have been organized. The cause of Temperance has been greatly advanced. In family worship, observance of the Sabbath, and attendance on the means of grace, changes are reported which demand grateful notice, and which promise a more devoted tone of piety. The different churches to which Mr. Allen preaches have promised towards his support about $400. He receives from the Board $100.

4th. Since the month of July last, Mr. W. L. Moore has labored as Missionary to the church of Ebenezer in Macon county, and the church of Thyatira in Cherokee county. This is a field in which the Presbytery has aided in sustaining the gospel for 11 years.

Previous to Mr. Moore's engagement with them, these churches had contributed but little to help themselves. In July, the corresponding Secretary wrote a kind and faithful letter, urging their duty to make more liberal efforts to sustain the gospel and to seek as soon as possible to become self-sustaining churches. We have been gratified to learn that these admonitions were kindly received, and increased contributions made to help themselves. It may be proper further to state that the attention of the committee has been anxiously directed to Wadesboro, in Anson county, and Monroe, in Union county. In May, 1852, we procured a commission for Mr. J. W. Ervin for $200 a year to these places. After laboring about ten months in this field, to the regret of the committee, he felt called to leave it. After repeated efforts to obtain another Missionary to Wadesboro, we are compelled to report it still as a destitute and important place to be occupied.

Other places might be found all around us demanding Missionary labors but the men we cannot find. "The Harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

And while to the minds of the few whom God is disposing to seek his Holy work, stronger and more availing inducements are presented from other quarters, it becomes an inquiry of overwhelming interest to our churches, what is to become of us even in this fair land if the Lord in judgment should remove our Teachers.

Presbytery attended to the order of the day, viz: Devotional Exercises. Mr. Wm. Maxwell obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, April 23d 1853.

9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

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Messrs. R. S. McDowell, J. Nye Hutchison, and David White obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Messrs. J. C. Ford, L. Gaither, D. Coleman, Rev. W. L. Pharr, and Rev. J. Williamson, D. D. obtained leave of absence after this morning.

The committee appointed to consider the case of Mr. J. C. Raney, presented their report, which was accepted, and laid on the table; and the whole matter was referred to a new committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, P. J. Penick, J. C. Pharr, and Mr. J. Nye Hutchison. This committee was instructed to report to the next semi-annual meeting of Pres.—

Rev. A. L. Watts appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on supplies report the following appointments;

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. spend one Sabbath at Olney.

Rev. J. Prentiss one Sabbath at Bethany, to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. C. Johnston one Sabbath at Wadesboro.

Rev. Messrs. W. L. Pharr and W. C. Shetty, one Sabbath at Lenoir to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. D. A. Penick one Sabbath at Monroe.

Rev. J. A. Hall one Sabbath at Olney.

Rev. J. B. C. Wilson one Sabbath at Tabor, to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. W. B. Cunningham one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. A. Baker one Sabbath at Lenoir.

Rev. E. P. Rockwell one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. J. E. McPherson one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. W. W. Pharr one Sabbath at Wadesboro.

Rev. Messrs. R. A. Davis, and P. J. Penick, one Sabbath at Ebenezer, and one at Thyatira to administer the Lord's Supper at each place.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty one Sabbath at Prosilla.

Rev. J. H. Dalton one Sabbath at Lenoir.

Rev. Messrs. J. Williamson, D. D. D. A. Penick, and E. P. Rockwell, each one Sabbath at Concord Town, in the absence of the Pastor to the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. W. L. Pharr and R. H. Lafferty, each one Sabbath in the church of Thyatira, during the absence of the Pastor to the General Assembly.

Rev. A. L. Watts one Sabbath in Providence in the absence of the Pastor to the General Assembly. Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes to meet in the session house.

Thyatira Church, Saturday, April 23d 1853.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. D. L. Roider, a member of the church of Third creek, was introduced to Presbytery, and asked to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Holy Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his reasons for desiring to enter the ministry; whereupon he was received under our care as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Roider had assigned the following subjects as parts of trial preparatory to licensure, viz:

Latin Exegesis – "An Spiritus sanctus verus est Deus?"
Critical exercise the 110th Psalm: Lecture – 126th Psalm:
Popular Sermon – John III. 16.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College to serve for the next four years, presented their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz: The committee recommend the following persons as Trustees for Davidson College: Rev. Messrs R. H. Morrison, D. D. J. W. Dalton, W. S. Shaw, W. W. Thaw, S. Williamson, D. D., Messrs J. A. Allison, R. J. McDowell, D. A. Davis, and A. B. Davidson.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved – That it shall be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that our commissioners to the General Assembly shall be required to report to the Presbytery at its fall meeting the amount of their expenses to the Assembly, and the Treasurer of Presbytery shall settle with them the amount of their expenses.

A call from the congregation of Back creek for the pastoral services of Mr. Robert Agnew was read, and being in order, was placed in his hands for consideration.

The calls presented from the congregations of Ebenezer and Hiwassee, for the pastoral services of Mr. W. S. Moore were taken up, read and placed in his hands: whereupon he asked permission to hold the calls until the next meeting of Presbytery. This request was granted.

The name of Fairfield church was changed to that of Lenoir.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The subject of establishing a Female Seminary was taken up. The minutes of last meeting in reference to this matter were read, after which the committee made their report, which was accepted.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That it is expedient, and practicable that this Presbytery do establish a Literary Institution for the education of females within our bounds.

Resolved, 2d. That Presbytery will now fix the location of this Seminary.

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Resolved, 3d – That Presbytery now proceed to elect 12 Trustees (six ministers and six Ruling Elders) for the Female Seminary, whose duty it shall be to receive money, select the site, erect suitable buildings, secure a Charter, make by-laws, and secure funds for the endowment of the institution, and report semi-annually to the Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to select the location for the Seminary, whereupon the roll being called it was determined by a large majority that it be placed at Statesville.

Under the 3d resolution the following Trustees were elected, viz: Rev. Messrs S. B. C. Wilson, J. W. Dalton, B. L. Beall, W. S. Shaw, W. W. Thaw, E. F. Rockwell, Messrs Samuel R. Bell, Thos. L. Allison, Thos. H. McRorie, H. R. Hall, W. F. Cowan, and W. B. Wood.

The stated clerk presented an account of $1.00. The Treasurer was ordered to pay this amount.

Mr. R. Agnew signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hands. Whereupon it was

Resolved – That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in the church of Back creek on Wednesday, Aug. 3d 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Agnew if the way be clear. Mr. Agnew was directed to prepare a sermon on Rom. VIII. 28, as a part of trial for ordination. Rev. S. B. C. Wilson was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, Rev. S. Williamson, D. D. to preside, propose the constitutional questions, offer the ordination prayer, and deliver the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. J. W. Dalton to deliver the charge to the congregation.

Rev. J. E. Morrison obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. The Agent of Presbytery for Foreign Missions made his report which was accepted and is as follows, viz:

Your Agent on Foreign Missions would respectfully report the following as the state of the funds which came into his hands during the year ending April, 1853.

Contributions have been made by 31 churches as follows:

Salem church	$7.08
Bethpage	7.50
Poplar Tent	23.00
Mackpelah	17.00
Bethel church	12.75
Morganton	11.50

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Concord church,	$27.50.
Hopewell and Paw-creek,	15.00
Marion,	16.00
Siloam,	6.50
Salem,	29.00
Wilkesboro,	4.72½
Charlotte,	90.00
Sugar creek,	53.00
Mallard creek,	35.50
Salisbury,	56.00
Statesville and Bethesda	31.00
Centre,	16.00
Salem,	9.75
Wilkesboro,	3.00
Servants Catechism Class of Taylorsville,	1.18
Rocky River church,	61.62½
Mallard creek,	4.75
Ramah,	16.50
Philadelphia,	6.00
Unity	6.00
Providence,	32.80
Sharon,	26.30
Unity	37.75
Concord,	20.00
Bethpage,	13.00
	$674.75½

which makes six hundred and seventy four dollars and seventy five cts. of this your agent has forwarded $300 in checks which leaves in his hands — $374.75

Paid for checks — 3.00

Amount — $371.75.

The amount that was placed in the hands of your agent by his predecessor was $338.31 cts. This sum was forwarded 18th of May 1852. Paid for check $3.35 cts. leaving $334.96 cts. The whole amount sent on to the Treasurer of the Board during the past year was — $334.96
36.00
$ 634.96

And the whole amount contributed the past year is $1096.71

The following churches have failed during the year to give any thing

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to the cause of Foreign Missions, viz: Asheville, Joppa, Goshen, Fifth creek, New Hope, Olney, Burnsville, Rheims creek, Swannanoa, Ebenezer, Franklin, Rutherfordton, Lincolnton, Long creek, Little Britain, Duncans creek, Prospect, Shiloh, Bethany, Tabor and Brasilla — 21. ✓

The Agent on Publication made his report, which was accepted. It was Resolved — That Presbytery will pay the Stated clerk for his services $25.00 per annum:

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, presented their report which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the Gen. Assembly, and is as follows;

The reports of the different churches within our bounds, give ample evidence of orderly deportment — faithfulness in our ministry — attention on the part of the people to the means of grace; but it is too apparent at the same time from the frequent recurrence of the word "as usual" — that a state of formality and lukewarmness prevails to an alarming extent in many parts of our Zion.

From the following facts, however, we are encouraged to hope that the times of refreshing will soon come from the presence of the Lord; when the "North and the South wind" shall blow upon his garden, and the sweet spices shall flow out."

1st — In some of the churches there have been several additions on examination, especially have our Missionary fields been favored. 73 persons have been reported by one as having passed from death unto life in the last year.

2d — There has been an advance in the contributions of the churches to the different boards, and especially to the boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, giving evidence that our people are beginning to feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

3d — In many of the churches the Sabbath School, the Bible class, the weekly prayer meeting, and the monthly concert are regularly enjoyed, and observed, spreading their benign influence, as we trust, over the minds of our youth, and preparing the way for future happy developments.

4th — It is further evident that our ministers attend generally to the instruction of the colored people — both by preaching and catechetical instruction. Here, together with the fact that the cause of temperance is sustaining its ground, if not in the ascendant, furnish pleasing evidences of divine favor, and that the Holy Spirit is still in the churches.

(Signed) A. Baker Chairman of Committee.

It was Resolved — That 1000 copies of the present minutes of Presbytery be published.

It was Resolved — That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the people of Thyatira congregation, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained its members during the sessions of this body.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Back Creek church, on Wednesday, Aug. 3d 1853, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Revd Messrs. Gilbert Morgan, Daniel Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, Wm. N. Morrison, G. M. Gibbs and Thos. E. Davis.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly for the year closing with April 23d 1853.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of 32 Ministers, 4 Licentiates, and 3 Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Mallard creek, P., and Ramah, S. S.	Parks Store, N.C.
R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. S.	Unity (Lincoln co.), and Mackpelah, S. S.	Cottage Home, N.C.
S. Williamson, V. D. Pres. P.	College church, P.	Davidson College, N.C.
Stephen Frontis, S. S.	Centre, S. S.	Mount Mourne, N.C.
Cyrus Johnston, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
W. N. Pharr, P.	Concord, P.	Statesville, N.C.
T. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
G. Morgan, Prof.	Third creek, P.	Salisbury, N.C.
A. S. Watts, P.	Steele creek, & Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N.C.
C. Lindley, P. M.	Unity (Rowan co.), S. S.	Port Natal, South Africa.
Thos. P. Johnston, P. M.	Joppa and Franklin, S. S.	Smyrna, Asia Minor.
J. E. Morrison, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.
J. D. Hall, S. S.	New Hope, & Goshen, S. S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.
S. B. C. Wilson, S. S.	Bethel, S. S.	Davidson College, N.C.
Wm. N. Morrison, N.C.	Burnsville, V., Olney, P.	Asheville, N.C.
W. B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell, & Paw creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.
M. L. Allen, P. M.	Asheville, Rhuin's creek, Sermon, & Hendersonville, C.C.	Asheville, N.C.
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Shiloh, S. S.	Davidson College, N.C.
John C. McPherson, S. S.	Prospect, S. S.	Deep Well, N.C.
W. W. Pharr, P.	Tyfla, Fent, & Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N.C.
J. N. Paxton, S. S.	Marion, Siloam, and Crucilla, S. S.	Marion, N.C.
W. E. Sutton, S. S.	Lebanon, S. S.	Morven, N.C.
J. E. Davis, S. S.	Rutherfordton, & Little Britain, S. S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
Geo. M. Gibbs,	Monroe, V., Lenoir, V.	
R. N. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, Dallas, & Long creek, S. S.	Lincolnton, N.C.
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
S. C. Pharr, P.	Providence, & Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
J. H. Dalton, P.	Fourth creek, & Bethesda, P.	Statesville, N.C.
P. J. Penick, P.	Philadelphia, & Bethlehem, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
R. L. Beall, S. S.	Salem, & Wilkesboro, S. S.	Taylorsville, N.C.
Wm. C. Sheets, P. — 32.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.
Licentiates — 4.		
J. W. Erwin,	Fifth creek, V., & Duncans creek, V.	
W. L. Moore, S. S.	Ebenezer, & Hiwassee, S. S.	Shooting Creek, N.C.
J. L. Barr, S. S.	Bethany, & Tabor, S. S.	
Robert Agnew,	Ingatica, & Back creek, S. S. — 61	Miranda, N.C.
Candidates — 3.		Total,

Communicants: Added on sess.	Communicants: Added on cert.	Communicants: Colored com.	Communicants: Total com.	Suspended: Added	Suspended: Dropped	Suspended: Total on the roll	Funds Collected: Domestic Missions	Funds Collected: Foreign Missions	Funds Collected: Education	Funds Collected: Publication	Funds Collected: Presbyterial	Funds Collected: Congregational	Funds Collected: Miscellaneous.
5	2	17	286		11	64	41	56			11	98	
3	4	3	93	1	7	45	55	55	25		12	150	104
2	3	7	25		3	8	11	17			6		1
15	3	21	118	5	6	51	24	16	9	5	11	450	
1	1	7	96		12	46	87	91	62	61	15	845	122
4	3	21	238	13	59		10	21	6		10	165	
8	1	148	571	3	31	210	59	69	121	26	15	554	34
4	1	70	170	1	4	70		12				258	
13	1	57	291	3	16	91	51	57			7	141	25
2		23	77		4	51	6	6	6		4	157	
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17	3		215				10	15					
5		12	59		5		14	12	8		3	158	10
			21										
28	3	55	415	6	25	166	41	33	17	14	14	275	144
11	6	21	115	6	2	31	49	51	10	51	15	707	125
66	10	16	145	19	30	77						483	12
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22	2	37	236	7	32	79					10		
12	10	55	395	2	21	151	27	27	4	10	15	650	30
1	1	2	63		3	35	18	21	14	14	3	236	18
	2		38		3		5				2		
			125										
			14										
7	4	3	117		6	55	2		15	8	6	425	51
12	4	50	296	5	18	91	16	83			10	400	16
7	6	45	249	3	15	85	32	59			12	511	
9	7	10	95	3	8	35	35	31	12	13	14	945	41
15		56	418	6	17	125	13	6		12	12	566	8
	5	1	86		1	35	38	45	26			282	
6	1		65	4	3	45	41	21	5	5	28	507	33
			38										
1	2	5	72		3		9	2	10	1		218	5
	2	26	139		4	16						307	
26	6	71	241	2	19		35	35					
313	94	638	5796	92	349	1661	725	848	351	211	335	9683	782

The Presbytery of Concord further report, that they have installed Rev. P. H. Dalton pastor of the united congregations of Fourth creek and Bethesda; that they have organized three new churches, viz: Monroe, Lenoir, and Hendersonville; that on the 15th day of May 1852 they ordained Mr. Wm C. Shetz, and installed him pastor of the church of Morganton; that on the 2d day of July 1852, they licensed Messrs W. L. Moore, and J. L. Bost to preach the gospel as probationers; that on the 22d day of April 1853, they received as a member from the Presbytery of Orange Rev. W. J. Allen; and that on the same day they received under their care as a Licentiate Mr Robert Agnew from the Presbytery of Charleston.

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 23d 1853.

Back Creek Church, Rowan Co. N. C.
Wednesday, Aug. 3d 1853.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Rev. S. Williamson, D. D. being the oldest minister present. The Roll being called it was found that there were present

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Messrs S. Williamson, D. D.	Messrs. Wm C. Moore,
S. Frontis,	Wm R. Stephenson,
H. N. Thaxs,	J. N. Lowrance,
J. E. McPherson,	Alexander Lowrance,
P. H. Dalton,	Daniel Coleman,
B. L. Beall.	John Steele,
	Daniel Culbertson.

Rev. S. Williamson, D. D. was elected Moderator of the meeting.

Papers were read from the Rev J. E. Morrison, and the congregation of Concord Town mutually requesting Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between them. Their prayer was granted, and the church of Concord Town was declared vacant.

Mr. J. C. Alexander, a candidate for the ministry, under their care, appeared before Presbytery to undergo his examination, and exhibit his preparatory exercises for Licensure. It was resolved. That Presbytery now hear Mr. Alexanders popular sermon, which he then delivered from Rom. VII. 9.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Robert Agnew returned the call placed in his hands from Back creek church at the last meeting of Presbytery, and which he had accepted. He assigned ill health as the reason of returning this call.

Back creek church, Wednesday, Aug. 3d 1853

It was resolved to proceed to the examination of Mr. Alexander on Theology, Church Government and History. The examination being completed, and being sustained in all its parts, Mr. J. C. Alexander was licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

He was then directed to preach one Sabbath at Concord Town, and the other Sabbaths at discretion.

The committee appointed to organize a church in Taylorsville reported as follows, viz:

The committee appointed by Presbytery to organize a church in Taylorsville, met in that place on the 27th May and organized a church consisting of Thirty Eight members, and Four Ruling Elders. The church thus organized is to be called the Taylorsville church.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) H. N. Thaxs, B. L. Beall, A. Morrison, } Committee.

This report was accepted and approved, and it was ordered that the name of this church be enrolled.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Asheville on Thursday, Sept 1st 1853 at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

P. H. Dalton, Temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Signed Witnessed appeared

N. C. in session at Statesville N. C. Examined & up to this page —

Statesville N. C. Moderator

The Synod

Asheville, N. C.

Thursday, Sept 1st 1853.

7 o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. J. N. Paxton, the last Moderator, (the Moderator being absent) from Matt. XVI. 24, 25. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D.	
C. Johnston, D. D.	Messrs. S. Nye Hutchison,
P. J. Penick,	R. H. Morrison, Jr.
S. B. C. Wilson,	
Wm. S. Morrison,	
A. Baker,	
M. J. Allen,	S. G. Ravr.
E. F. Rockwell,	
J. E. McPherson,	D. Ramsay,
J. N. Paxton,	J. H. Greenlee,
J. E. Davis,	Wm. Erwin,
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	R. F. Barnette.
F. J. Penick,	
B. S. Beall,	R. C. Wilson,
W. C. Shultz.	W. Howard,
	W. B. Reed, Silcam church.
	E. McDowell, Salem church.
	W. J. Erwin, Bethel "
	Ebenezer McNeely, Bethesda " —

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. P. J. Penick for Moderator, and Revs. Messrs. J. E. Davis and B. S. Beall for temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Methodist church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Asheville.

Friday, Sept. 2d 1853.

9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read. The reading of the minutes of the last semi-annual meeting held at Hyatt's church was dispensed with, in as much as they had been printed and circulated among the members and churches.

Absentees called on. Absentees from the last meeting were called upon for their reasons of absence, which, so far as rendered, were sustained.

Minutes of adjourned meeting read. The minutes of the adjourned meeting at Back creek church were read and corrected.

Call returned to church. It was ordered that the call from Back creek church for the pastoral services of Mr. Robert Agnew be returned to that church through its Delegate.

Corresponding member. Rev. Jesse Rankin, a member of Orange Presbytery, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Letter on absence read. A letter from Rev. S. C. Barr, D. D. assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery was read, and his excuse was regarded as satisfactory.

A paper from the church of Brasilla was laid before Presbytery, read, and laid on the table for the present.

Committees appointed. The Mod. announced the appointment of the following committees; viz; On Devotional Exercises—Rev. M. J. Allen, Rev. W. S. Morrison, and Mr. S. G. Ravr.

On Supplies—Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. J. E. Davis, and Mr. David Ramsay.

On minutes of the General Assembly—Revs. R. N. Davis, J. E. McPherson, and Mr. J. H. Greenlee.

On the Narrative to Synod—Rev. C. Johnston, D. D. Rev. P. J. Penick, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison.

Judicial Committee—Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. R. H. Morrison, Jr.

It was Resolved—That 2 o'clock this afternoon be the order of the day for handing written statements on the state of religion in our churches to the committee to prepare a narrative on the state of religion.

Order of the day. It was Resolved—That to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M. be the hour for hearing the Report of the Agent of Education, together with addresses.

Next meeting of Pby. It was Resolved—That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Sugar Creek, Mecklenburg co. N. C. on the

Asheville, Friday, Sept. 2d 1853.

Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in April 1854, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery was read.

each member pay $1.00

It was Resolved. That Rev. T. Penick be appointed temporary treasurer, and that each member of Presbytery pay to him $1.00 to defray the expenses of printing the minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery.

com. to rein contingent fund.

It was Resolved. That a committee be appointed to make an assessment upon the churches to meet contingent expenses of Presbytery, and that the same be added to the commissioners fund. The following members were appointed this committee; viz; Revs C. Johnston, D.D., Rev. A. Baker, and Mr. R.F. Barnette.

report of missionary work.

Those appointed to do missionary labor were called upon; when it appeared that they had generally discharged the duties assigned them.

consideration of printing postponed

The subject of printing the minutes being taken up, its further consideration was postponed until the spring meeting of Presbytery.

delinquent churches to comp fund

The Stated Clerk was instructed to write to the Treasurer of Presbytery, directing him to remind delinquent churches to pay what they owe to the Commissioners Fund for last year.

The committee appointed to make an assessment upon the churches to meet contingent expenses of Presbytery, presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

report of committee on contingent fund.

The committee appointed to devise measures for raising a Presbyterial Fund, recommend that the Stated Clerk make an addition to the assessment upon the churches for commissioners fund of one Dollar ($1.00) upon all churches whose assessment is now less than ten Dollars, and of two Dollars ($2.00) upon all churches whose assessment is now ten Dollars, & upwards - and that one fourth of the whole amount thus raised be set apart to the Presbyterial fund.

report on Female Seminary.

A verbal report on the Female Seminary was heard from the Trustees, in which it was stated that a contract for making 500.000 bricks had been entered into, a site for a Seminary building procured, and a Charter obtained.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee on Devotional Exercises would recommend the observance of the following order. 1. Psalmody and Prayer by Rev C. Johnston, D.D.

report of the committee on Devotional Exercises

2. Reading of the Scriptures and Prayer by Rev R.H. Morrison, D.D.

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3. Address by the Moderator, Rev T. Penick.
4. Psalmody, Prayer, and Benediction by Rev R.H. Lafferty.

And that half past four this afternoon be the time.

(Signed) M.J. Allen,
On behalf of the committee.

calls declined.

Mr W.S. Moore was called on to state to Presbytery what disposition he was prepared to make of the calls placed in his hands at a previous meeting from the churches of Hiwassee and Ebenezer. Whereupon he stated that he was not prepared to accept these calls. The calls were then returned by him to Presbytery.

resolution to ordain Mr. Moore as an evangelist

In view of the distance that the churches of Hiwassee and Ebenezer are removed from an ordained minister, who can administer sealing ordinances to them, and in view of the fact, that they wish Mr. Moore to labor among them, and in view also of the fact, that Mr. Moore is willing to labor among them as an evangelist. It was therefore Resolved. That Presbytery will now proceed to take preliminary steps to the ordination of Mr W.S. Moore, as an Evangelist, and that his ordination take place during this meeting if the way be clear.

arrangements for the ordination of Mr. Moore.

1. John III. 2d. was assigned Mr. Moore as the text for his trial sermon with a view to ordination. Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the Presbyterian church to hear the sermon of Mr. Moore.

After the sermon Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz; Devotional exercises.

The following arrangements were made for the ordination services of Mr. Moore, viz: Rev T. Penick to preside, propose the constitutional questions to the candidate, and offer the ordaining prayer; Rev C. Johnston, D.D. to preach the sermon; and Rev A. Baker to give the charge to the newly ordained Evangelist.

candidate received.

Mr John A. Barr, a member of Beck creek church, was introduced to Presbytery with a view to be taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was sustained as satisfactory, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery.

committee of 4.

Revs. Messrs. D.B.C. Wilson, E.T. Rockwell, and Mr. S. Wyatt Hutchison were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Barr, during the recess, on his collegiate course of studies.

money C/p for printing the minutes.

The temporary treasurer was directed to pay the money collected by him ($23.00) to the Stated Clerk for defraying the expenses of

printing the minutes of Presbytery; and the Stated clerk was instructed to borrow from the commissioners fund an additional sum ($11.00) sufficient to liquidate this debt incurred for printing the minutes.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the Methodist church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Sept 3d 1853.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected. The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows viz;

report of com. on supplies.

The of Supplies beg leave to report, that they have made the following appointments:

That Rev S. Williamson, D.D. preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper at Back creek church between this time and the next meeting of Presbytery.

That Rev J. C. McPherson also supply that church one Sabbath.

That Rev A. Baker, and Rev W. W. Hoss supply Hyatts church one Sabbath each, and make arrangements between them to administer the Sacrament.

Rev P. H. Dalton one Sabbath at Tabor and administer the Sacrament.

Rev J. Frontis the same at Bethany.

Rev H. K. Hoss and Rev D. Bradley, one Sabbath each at Sandy.

Rev D. I. Penick one Sabbath in Stanly county.

Rev J. C. Rhyne, D.D one Sabbath at Monroe.

That Rev R. N. Davis supply one Sabbath at Duncans creek.

Rev W. K. Morrison one Sabbath at Brusilla.

Rev J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Olney.

Rev C. Johnston, D.D. at Wadesboro one Sabbath.

Rev C. Johnston, D.D, and Rev D. A. Penick, one Sabbath at Concord Town.

(Signed) E. F. Rockwell.
J. E. Davis.
David Ramsay.

report of com. to collect standing rules.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to collect all the standing Rules of Presbytery that are in the present Vol of Records presented their report, which was accepted; and the Stated clerk was instructed to have them placed in the book of records convenient for reference.

standing rules to be read at each meeting.

It was Resolved - That these standing Rules be read at every regular meeting of Presbytery. Mr J. E. Davis, Ruling Elder from Hiwassee church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

candidates for the ministry.

Dr Geo. D. Parks, and Mr John L. Harris, members of Providence church, were introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under the care as candidates for the ministry. They were examined on experimental religion, and their motives for seeking the ministry; and their examination being sustained as satisfactory, they were taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the Holy ministry. It was Resolved - That the committee appointed to examine Mr Baer also examine Dr Parks, and Mr Harris, out of the house, on their literary and scientific course of study.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to enquire into the case of Mr J. C. Kennedy presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz;

report of committee on the case of Mr J. C. Kennedy.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Mr J. C. Kennedy, the blind youth of Sharon church, who wishes to place himself under the care of Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel Ministry, with directions to report at this meeting of Presbytery, respectfully report. That the committee met and visited Mr Kennedy at Providence church, Mr L. N. Hutchison being absent - that we had a personal interview, and much conversation with Mr Kennedy. We are fully satisfied that he is a youth of uncommonly ardent piety, & eminently desirous to be useful to his fellow men as a preacher of the gospel - or a teacher of religion. We regard him as an extraordinary youth. The born blind, he reads the Bible with great ease, and even fluency, having it in raised letters. He has studied Geography, and Natural Philosophy with the same advantage. He has also studied, without the aid of raised letters, Theology, Church History, and Jewish Antiquities. His attainments in knowledge are remarkable. He speaks with ease and great propriety of language. He delivered in our presence, a lecture on the subject of justification, which we regarded as a very creditable performance.

The result of our interview and inquiries is a decided conviction that the Presbytery ought to be very cautious in disregarding or even in discouraging such a youth - lest they detain one of Gods chosen vessels from some sphere of usefulness to which the Head of the church has called him.

The committee would respectfully suggest that for the present Mr Kennedy be advised to prosecute his studies with some Minister of the Gospel; that he prepare a lecture on some subject or exposition of some passage of Scripture, and that he present himself at the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery - when the Presbytery will take such steps in the case as may then seem to be our duty.

(Signed) D. A. Penick.
L. N. Hutchison.

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report of committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assy.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz: The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly report. That they find nothing demanding the special attention of the Presbytery, except what is required by our standing rules, and also recommending the last Thursday in Feb as a day of fasting and prayer for the youth of the country. (Signed) R.N. Davis,
J.C. McPherson,
James H. Greenlee.

report of committee to examine Mr. Barr

The committee appointed to examine Mr Barr reported, that they had examined him on his Scientific and literary course, and recommend that his examination be sustained. This report was accepted and adopted.

call from Third creek

A Call from the congregation of Third creek for the pastoral services of Rev. S.B.C. Wilson was laid before Presbytery, which being read, was placed in his hands for consideration.

calls returned to churches.

It was ordered that the calls from the congregations of Ebenezer and Wiseafsee returned to Presbytery by Mr Moore be returned to these churches.

call accepted.

Rev. S.B.C. Wilson signified to Presbytery his acceptance of the call put into his hands. Whereupon it was Resolved. That the installation of Rev. S.B.C. Wilson over the congregation of Third creek take place on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct, and that Rev. A. Baker preside, and preach the installation sermon; Rev. P.H. Dalton give the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. J.C. McPherson give the charge to the people.

arrangements for installation of Rev S.B.C. Wilson.

The paper from Brusilla church was taken up, and referred to the Judicial committee.

paper from Brusilla referred.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. W.S. Moore. Having put him through the usual course of examination, it was Resolved. That the examination of Mr. W.S. Moore, be and it hereby is sustained, and that Presbytery will proceed with his ordination this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

examination of Mr. Moore.

report of com. on the reference from Brusilla ch.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the reference from Brusilla church, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz: A Reference from the church Session of Brusilla having been committed to the Judicial committee, and examined, the following report is Respectfully submitted:

Judging from the facts of the case stated in said Reference, the committee be-

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lieve the action of the said session to be wise, and for the purity and honor of Religion: and recommend that their judgment be approved and sustained.
(Signed) R.H. Morrison,
R.H. Lafferty,
R.H. Morrison, Jun.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and the Stated clerk was instructed to forward it to Synod. It is as follows viz:

Narrative

In our annual narrative to Synod fidelity requires the Presbytery of Concord to state some things which should humble us in the very dust before our God.

1. The word preached is unprofitable to hundreds and thousands of professors. We know that the success of a preached gospel is of God. But God's blessing usually does does attend that ministry which is conducted with zeal and prayerful energy, and a soul burning with the constraining love of Jesus. While our men are at the ease. Lower there is just occasion to lament the listless manner in which our ministry is conducted.

2. The spirit of the world greatly prevails among our people. They seem to have forgotten that they who will be rich fall into temptation and a snare and many hurtful and foolish lusts. Abundant crops, and success in business seem to have imparted strength to an avaricious spirit. Hence many disciples of Jesus are weak and sickly among us.—

3. Sabbath desecration, intemperance, and the various species of immorality too common to our age, yet prevail within our bounds.—

But we can truly say that the picture is not all darkness. There are some bright spots. There are facts which cheer us even in the midst of inward matter of despondency.

1. During the past synodical year our churches have been thronged by increasing numbers of gospel hearers. Prayer-meetings and the monthly concert in many of our churches have excited a growing interest. Sabbath schools are growing in interest, and a number of pastors impart much catechetical instruction. Our colored population are not entirely overlooked.

2. Benevolent efforts. Though a number of our churches, owing no doubt to the remissness or neglect of their pastors, do not make regular annual contributions to Boards, yet we are making slow advances in the amount contributed.

Feeling that the complete endowment of Davidson College is in a good state of advancement, Presbytery have undertaken to establish and endow a Female

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Seminary which is located at Statesville.

3. Our Spiritual state. We have had abundant evidence during the year that our God has not forgotten to be gracious. The quickening influences of his Holy Spirit have descended upon some six or eight of our churches, in some of which the numbers of hopeful converts is about one hundred souls. An ingathering of a larger number than usual is soon expected.

A number of our churches was favoured under the blessing of God with protracted meetings, conducted by the Rev Dr Baker of Texas, acting as agent in behalf of Austin College, which the Synod of Texas have undertaken to establish.

A new era has been opened in the history of agencies. The Agent endeavours to earn what is given. And while the churches give to a worthy object, the agent becomes the instrument under God of imparting the richest spiritual blessings in return. (Signed) C. Johnston,
P. D. Penick,
S. Ny. Hutchison.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M.

After recess.

orders of the day postponed

Presbytery met. The order of the day was postponed for 15 minutes.

punctuality enjoined in attending Synod.

It was Resolved. That it be enjoined upon the members of this Presbytery that they be more punctual in their attendance upon the meetings of Synod, and that members proposing to be absent write a letter to the Moderator of Synod stating their reasons of absence.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz; hearing the report of the Agent of Education. The Agent presented his report, which was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and is as follows; viz;

"Your agent in behalf of the cause of Education begs leave to submit the following as his annual report viz:

report of Agent of Education

During the year ending on 1st inst. he has received cash from the following sources; viz;

Balance from Rev P. D. Penick your former agent	$54.90
Lincolnton church	14.38
Fourth creek "	11.00
Salem "	11.85
Unity (Lincoln) "	28.75
Concord "	6.51
Centre "	9.11
Ebenezer "	9.20
Amount carried forward	$145.58

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report continued.

Amount brought forward	$145.58.
Hiwassee church	1.00
Rocky River "	36.21
Bethel "	8.71
Morganton "	5.00
Salisbury "	11.50
Bethpage "	3.31
Philadelphia "	9.60
	$219.38

He has paid a balance due the Rev S.S.O. Wilson which he had advanced 24.16¢

Now on hands $195.21½

Upon examination it will be found that only 15 of our churches have made a contribution to the cause of Education during the past year, leaving more than 40 from which no favourable token of regard has been received. ✓

Your Education committee have not one beneficiary. That fact may in part explain the remissness of a large proportion of our churches in making a contribution to the cause. Another fact may here be stated; viz; That a number of your churches have been visited by an Agent in behalf of Austin College, Texas, and have paid liberally to that Institution as a Presbyterian College in that frontier state. In this connection it may be stated that the Rev Dr Baker has introduced a new era in the history of Agencies. It is his endeavour to earn what may be contributed by any and every church. While a number of churches have contributed liberally to Austin college, the labours of the agent have been greatly blessed of God, by the reviving influences of his Holy Spirit, which have descended like the rain and the dew upon the mown grass.

The gloomy aspect of this report is in some measure relieved by the brightening prospect in the future. Your Education committee think the prospect good for a number of beneficiaries. Several are now in their experimental course preparatory to their reception upon the funds of the church. And we do think that one or two years from this time the most enlarged efforts on the part of all our churches will be put in requisition to sustain our beneficiaries. May God grant it. The harvest is very great, but the labourers few.

(Signed)

Cyrus Johnston, Treasurer.

Sept 1st 1853

Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr Moses White, Ruling Elder from Rhiems creek church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

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ordination of W. S. Moore as an Evangelist.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination services of Mr. W. S. Moore. Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. preached the ordination sermon from Is. LV. 10, 11. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it." The constitutional questions were proposed by the Rev. D. A. Penick, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr. W. S. Moore was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the full work of the Holy Ministry as an Evangelist. The right hand of fellowship was then given him by the members of Presbytery, after which Rev. A. Baker gave the charge to the newly ordained Evangelist.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. G. D. Parks and John S. Harris presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

report of committee to examine G. D. Parks, and J. S. Harris.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. G. D. Parks, and Mr. J. S. Harris, respectfully report, that they have attended to that duty, and recommend that their examination on their literary course be sustained as satisfactory part of trials.

(Signed) S. B. C. Wilson,
E. F. Rockwell,
S. N. Hutchison.

Causes of Morals presented by the churches.

The members of Presbytery were called upon to answer whether during the year they have presented to their churches the cause of the Boards of our church.

The Stated clerk presented the statistical report, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

vote of thanks.

It was Resolved. That the thanks of the Presbytery of Concord be given to the people of Asheville for their kindness and hospitality to its members during its present sessions. Also to the officers of the Methodist Episcopal church for the use of their House. and that the Pastor of the church read this resolution from the Pulpit. The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the church of Sugar creek Mecklenburg county, N.C. on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in April 1854 at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

D. A. Penick, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without proffering any reasons for their absence viz: Revs. W. Jones, W. L. Pharr, J. Williamson, D.D. C. Fronties, W. J. Pharr, Gilbert Morgan, A. McAuley, D. Lindley, Wm. S. Johnston, J. L. Morrison, J. D. Hall, H. B. Cunningham, W. W. Pharr, R. H. Sutton, J. M. Gibbs, and T. R. Dalton.

J. E. Morrison - Concord

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1853.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 33 ministers, and have under their care 62 congregations, 4 licentiates, and 5 candidates; that on the 22 day of April 1853 they received as a member from the Presbytery of Orange Rev. M. J. Allen; that on the same day they received under their care as a licentiate Mr. Robert Agnew from the Presbytery of Charleston; that on the 27th day of May 1853 they organized the church of Taylorsville; that on the 3d day of May 1853 they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. E. Morrison and the church of Concord Town, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they licensed Mr. S. C. Alexander to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry, and that on the 3d day of Sept 1853 they ordained as an evangelist Mr. W. S. Moore.

By order of the Presbytery

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

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"Pro re nata" meeting.

Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, N.C.
Wednesday, Nov. 30th 1853.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met by a special call of the Moderator at the time specified in the call, and was constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. W. L. Pharr,	Messrs. Abner Alexander,
R. H. Morrison, D.D.	
S. Fronties,	
C. Johnston, D.D.	David Parks,
D. A. Penick,	John Caldwell,
J. D. Hall,	
H. B. Cunningham,	
W. W. Pharr,	
R. H. Lafferty,	Elzan Cannon,
S. J. Penick,	R. F. Barnette,
	Matt. McCall,
	Wm. P. Brown, Steele creek church,
	A. J. York, Concord Town "
	John Wolf, Sharon, "

Pro re nata meeting. Charlotte, Wednesday, Nov. 31st 1853.

The object for which Presbytery was called together, as specified in the Moderators circular, was to consider the application of the Rev. G. M. Gibbs to be dismissed from this Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and also to consider a call from the church of Concord Town for the pastoral services of Rev. D. A. Penick, Pastor of the united congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem.

The request of Rev. G. M. Gibbs was taken up, and he was dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville; and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. D. A. Penick was presented and read from the congregation of Concord Town. The commissioners from said congregation were called on for the reasons that they urge for the removal of Rev. D. A. Penick from his present charge. The commissioners from the congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem were then heard.

Rev. A. L. Watts appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Rev. D. A. Penick was heard.

It was Resolved. That the call from the congregation of Concord Town be placed in the hands of Rev. D. A. Penick for consideration.

Presbytery took a recess for 1/2 hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. D. A. Penick being called on answered that he accepted the call from the congregation of Concord Town.

The following preamble and resolution were then adopted, viz: Whereas the Presbytery has sufficient evidence before them, that the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem consent to the dissolution of the pastoral connection now existing between them and the Rev. D. A. Penick, who has also expressed his wish to be released from said connection, and has now accepted a call from the church of Concord, Cabarrus Co. Therefore - Resolved - That the pastoral connection existing between the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem and the Rev. D. A. Penick be, and the same is hereby dissolved, and those churches are declared vacant.

The following committee was appointed to attend to the installation of Rev. D. A. Penick over the congregation of Concord Town; viz: Rev. W. W. Pharr to preach the installation sermon; Rev. D. A. Penick to preside and give the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. S. Frontis the charge to the congregation. The installation to take place on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in April.

Rev. Messrs C. Johnston, D.D. and R. H. Lafferty were requested to preach one Sabbath each at the church of Philadelphia.

D. A. Penick called Concord

Charlotte, Wednesday, Nov. 31st 1853.

Presbytery having transacted the business for which it was called adjourned "sine die".

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

D. A. Penick, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs J. Williamson, D.D., W. S. Pharr, Gilbert Morgan, D. Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, S. B. C. Wilson, W. H. Morrison, A. Baker, N. J. Allen, E. F. Rockwell, J. E. McPherson, T. N. Paxton, W. C. Sutton, G. M. Gibbs, T. C. Davis, R. N. Davis, S. C. Pharr, D.D., T. H. Walton, R. L. Beall, W. C. Sheely and W. L. Moore.

Sugar Creek church, Mecklenburg Co. N. C.
Thursday, April 20th 1854
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. D. A. Penick, from Is. XXI. 11. "Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" Constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers	Ruling Elders
Rev. Messrs W. L. Pharr,	Messrs David J. Thomason,
R. H. Morrison, D.D.	R. L. McDowell,
S. Frontis,	Wm. C. Moore,
C. Johnston, D.D.	R. C. Carson,
D. A. Penick,	John Caldwell,
A. L. Watts,	John Ward,
J. E. Morrison,	
J. L. Hall,	Robert Rankin,
H. B. Cunningham,	Ira Alexander,
J. E. McPherson,	David Kilpatrick,
W. W. Pharr,	Wm. L. Harris,
T. N. Paxton,	A. L. Erwin,
Thos. E. Davis,	John McFarland,
R. H. Lafferty,	Wm. J. Caldwell,
S. C. Pharr, D.D.	John Wylie,

Ministers:

Rev. Messrs. T. H. Dalton,
T. J. Penick,
W. S. Moore,

Ruling Elders:

Messrs. J. H. McRorie,
A. J. Yorke,

J. Kreider, Third Creek ch.
C. H. King, Concord ch.
Wm. Maxwell, Philadelphia ch.
D. Culbertson, Unity (Rowan) ch.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. E. Davis for Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. A. Frontis, and T. H. Dalton, temporary clerks.

The Rev. James Morrison, of Lexington Presbytery, Rev. Daniel Deruelle, of New Brunswick Presbytery, Rev. W. Baird, of Charleston Presbytery, and Rev. John Hunter, of the Associate Reformed Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. R. N. Davis appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance. The minutes of the preceding sessions were read.

The standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

The Rev. T. J. Penick was appointed to receive all moneys for Domestic Missions in the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

Mr. Rufus Gibson, Ruling Elder in Bethany church, and Mr. A. J. Summey, Ruling Elder in the church of Asheville, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats.

The Rev. Gilbert Morgan, through Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. requested to be dismissed from this Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Harmony. This request was granted.

A letter was received and read from the Rev. H. N. Shaw, requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Concord, Iredell Co., resigning his place in the Board of Trustees in Davidson College, and resigning his place in the Board of Trustees in our Female Seminary at Statesville, and asking to be dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The commissioners from the church of Concord being called on, stated that the church of Concord gave its consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between it and the Rev. H. N. Shaw. Whereupon it was resolved that the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. H. N. Shaw and the church of Concord, Iredell Co., be, and it hereby

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is dissolved, and said church is declared vacant.

It was Resolved that the request of the Rev. H. N. Shaw be granted, and that he be now dismissed from this Presbytery, to connect himself with the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The Rev. W. B. Cunningham was elected a member of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Rev. H. N. Shaw.

Rev. J. E. Morrison read his report as Treasurer of Presbytery. Whereupon his report was accepted, and Rev. W. B. Cunningham, and Mr. R. L. McDowell, were appointed to examine it and report thereon.

At his own request Rev. J. E. Morrison was released from further service as Treasurer.

It was Resolved:- That committees to examine session books present their reports on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

It was Resolved:- That on to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, or immediately after the session books are handed in, statistical reports be handed in, from which the narrative on the state of religion within our bounds may be made out.

It was Resolved:- That the order of the day for Saturday at 11 o'clock, A.M. be to hear the report of the Agent of the Board of Publication, and immediately after to hear the Rev. W. Baird, General Agent on behalf of the Board of Publication.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz:

On Devotional Exercises:- Rev. Messrs. R. H. Saffety, S. C. Shaw, D.D. and Dr. D. J. Caldwell.

On Supplies:- Rev. J. E. Morrison, Rev. R. N. Davis, and Mr. W. S. Harris.

On the Narrative - Rev. T. H. Dalton, Rev. D. N. Paxton, and Mr. John Caldwell.

Judicial committee - Rev. C. Johnston, D.D., Rev. T. J. Penick, and Mr. A. L. Erwin.

Committee on Finance - R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Mr. R. L. McDowell.

Committees to examine the Records of Church sessions:

To examine the records of Mallard creek, Ramah, Unity (Lincoln) and Macpelah - Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. and David J. Thomason.

To examine the records of College church, Centre, Charlotte, and Concord (Iredell Co.) - Rev. T. J. Penick, and Wm. Alexander.

To examine the records of Rocky Rivers, Steele creek, Pleasant Hill, Unity (Rowan), Joppa, and Franklin - Rev. J. E. Morrison, and Mr. R. C. Carson.

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To examine the Records of Concord Town, Hopewell, and Paw creek – Revs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., and Mr. Wm. C. Moore.
To examine the records of Prospect, Poplar Tent and Bethpage – Revs. W. S. Shaw and Mr. W. S. Harris.
To examine the records of Marion, Siloam, Drusilla, Lebanon, Rutherfordton, and Little Brittain – Revs. H. B. Cunningham, and Mr. John Wolf.
To examine the records of Lincolnton, Long creek, Dallas, Suzar creek, Providence, and Sharon – Revs. J. N. Paxton, and Mr. J. H. McRorie.
To examine the Records of Fourth creek, Bethesda, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Salem, and Wilksboro – Revs. S. C. Shaw, D.D., and A. F. Yorke.
To examine the records of Morganton, Fifth creek, Duncans creek, Ebenezer, and Hiwassee – Revs. T. J. Pemick, and Mr. John Hart.
To examine the records of Bethany, Tabor, Thyatira, Back creek, and Third creek – Revs. W. W. Shaw, and C. H. King.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning a 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The Revs. A. Baker, Rev. B. L. Beall, and Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for their late attendance.

The Committee on Devotional exercises recommend the following order, viz:

1. Psalmody and prayer by the Rev. S. Frontis.
2. Reading the Scriptures and Address by the Rev. J. Deruelle.
3. Psalmody and prayer by the Rev. J. N. Paxton.
4. Address by the Rev. W. W. Shaw.
5. Prayer by the Rev. W. Baird.
6. Doxology and Benediction by the Moderator.

And that these exercises take place this afternoon immediately after recess.

R. H. Lafferty,
S. C. Shaw, } Committee.
D. J. Caldwell,

The hour having arrived for the order of the day, the members were called on to read and hand in the statistical reports of the churches.

The Rev. J. R. Watt, of the Associate Reformed Church being

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present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Mr. Dan Alexander, Ruling Elder from the College Church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

It was Resolved – That it be recommended to the members of the Presbytery who have failed to present a written report on the state of religion, and to the Sessions of the Churches who have failed to report on their fidelity to their pastors or have failed to pay their pastor their annual salary as stipulated in their call, that they be more diligent in the discharge of their duties.

The Rev. A. L. Watts requested that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Churches of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill, be dissolved; and these Churches having through their representatives expressed their consent to said dissolution: it was Resolved – That the request of the Rev. A. L. Watts be and it hereby is granted, and that the Churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill be declared vacant.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, it was attended to, viz: the report of the Executive Committee on Domestic Missions. The report was presented and read by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. the Committee's corresponding Secretary, after which appropriate addresses were made by Rev. T. J. Pemick, Mr. A. L. Erwin, Rev. C. Johnston, D.D., and Rev. W. W. Shaw. The report was then accepted, and approved, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee of Domestic Missions respectfully present the following report to Presbytery.

There are at present six Missionaries commissioned within our bounds, and located as follows:

1. Rev. Wm. C. Sutton, at Lebanon Church in Anson county, N. C. This is a small and feeble church and in connexion with some churches within the bounds of Harmony Presbytery in S. C. constituting the field of Mr. Suttons ministerial labors. No additions are reported during the past year.
No Sabbath School or Bible Class at present.
From the facts reported the prospect seems to be distant of this church becoming strong enough to sustain the Gospel.
Mr. Sutton receives aid to the amount of $100, and his commission commences and closes with the year.
2. Rev. Thos. E. Davis received a commission the 1st of May, 1853, for 1 year, to the amount of $50, at Little Brittain, Rutherfordton, and Duncans creek Churches.

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In Little Brittain Church there have 5 added on examination. A large and flourishing Sabbath School. A good Bible Class conducted by the pastor. A commodious and substantial house of worship has been completed during the year and paid for. The prospect is inviting of enlargement and strength to this Church. In Rutherfordton the Church has increased from 8 or 10 to 17 during the year. An interesting Bible Class has been kept up during the winter.

The attendance on Divine worship has increased, and a deeper interest manifested for the prosperity of religion.

Duncans creek Church has received 3 or four additions. A Class for examination on the Shorter Catechism is well attended, embracing nearly the whole congregation. A Sabbath School is also conducted with interest, and a Library of Books procured. In this field over 50 copies of the Confession of Faith have been circulated and other good Books. Over 30 families receive religious Newspapers. With the blessing of God the hope is cherished that this Missionary field will soon become strong enough to sustain the Gospel without aid from the Board. ✓

3d. Rev. Thos. A. Paxton labors in the Churches of Silo, Avery, Marion, and Brusilla, in McDowell Co. N.C. Five interesting additions have been made to the Church of Silo during the year. A small Sabbath School was kept up during the summer. An interesting Class for instruction on the Shorter Catechism including children and a number of adults has been attended to. Also frequent examinations in the Confession of Faith and Doctrines of our Church.

A neat and comfortable house of worship has been finished during the year and the attendance on Divine Worship considerably increased since its completion.

In Marion the attendance on Worship is also increasing, although still a small congregation. A small Sabbath School and a Class for instruction on the Confession of Faith are attended to.

At Brusilla the attendance on Public Worship is very encouraging. One addition to the Church. A large and interesting Sabbath School. In addition to these churches, Mr. Paxton preaches statedly on week days in other destitute places. Much preparatory work was needed in this field, and we trust the good seed faithfully sown may yet bear much fruit. The most compromising aspect in this field of labor, is the want of liberality in sustaining the Gospel. A considerable improvement must take place in this respect to render them self-sustaining churches.

Mr. Paxton receives aid to the amount of $100, and his commission dates 1st Thurs. 15th 1853 to Aug 15th 1854

4. The Missionary field of Rev. M. D. Allen has embraced the following places: Asheville, Hendersonville, Swannanoa, Rhems creek, Flat creek, and Cane creek. Number of sermons preached 196. Additions to the Church on examination

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10, and by certificate 2. Two Sabbath Schools in operation. Catechetical and Bible classes instructed. One house of worship finished during the year. Attendance on Divine worship decidedly good. Family visitation attended to. Religious instruction statedly given to persons of color at four different places. The cause of temperance advancing. A large number of religious books published by our Board has been sold or given away, and the demand for them is still encouraging. Mr. Allen receives aid to the amount of $100, and his commission dates from May 1st 1853 to May 1st 1854

Two of these churches, Asheville, and Hendersonville, have terminated their connection with this Missionary, and engaged another Minister.

5. Rev. Wm. S. Moore labors in Ebenezer and Franklin, in Macon county, and Hiwassee in Cherokee county, N.C. A church has been organized in Franklin, consisting of 7 members, with a prospect of 8 more being soon added. A contract for a new church has been made, and about $300 secured towards its erection, including a donation of $50 and the contributions of other friends. The prospect for good in this place is encouraging.

In Hiwassee church 5 have been added during the year, and an interesting state of Christian feeling reported. A flourishing Sabbath School in operation. Bible class instruction has been given at each church. The cause of Temperance is advancing and no retail shop is found in Franklin. Mr. Moore receives aid to the amount of $156.

It is very desirable that this Missionary field should be divided if a suitable minister could be found to occupy one of these counties.

6. Rev. James R. Baird of the Bethel Presbytery, has recently received a commission to labor at Shelby, in Cleveland county, and Olney in Gaston county, within our bounds and Shiloh church within the bounds of the Bethel Presbytery. As no report of his labors has been yet received, we can only state that there is a prospect of organizing a church in Shelby of 8 or 10 members, and much anxiety felt that it should be done. Mr. Baird is to receive $100. Thanks are due to God for what has been done. Ardent and united supplications are demanded for more laborers, and enlarged contributions to support them.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham was appointed Treasurer of Presbytery in the place of Rev. J. E. Morrison, resigned.

It was Resolved That to-morrow evening after recess be the order of the day, to hear the report of the Agent on Foreign Missions.

To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock was made the order of the day to hear the report of the Trustees of the Female Seminary.

Messrs. Rufus Gibson, and D. J. Thomason, obtained leave of absence.

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Rev. C. Johnston, D.D, R.L. Carson, and R.L. McDowell, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Messrs. C.W. King, W.S. Harris, and David Kilpatrick, obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Messrs. J.C. Rhea, D.D. and C. Johnston, D.D. were appointed a committee on the Minutes of Synod.

Rev. W.W. Rhea, Rev. R.H. Lafferty, and Mr. A.S. Erwin, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: Devotional Exercises. After these exercises, Presbytery resumed its business.

The committee appointed to nominate persons for the office of Trustees for Davidson College, to fill the place of those whose time now expires, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted: Rev. S. Frontis, Rev. H.B. Cunningham, Rev. J.J. Renick, Messrs. Rufus Barringer, Dr. D.F. Caldwell, Dr. Wm. R. McLean, J.A. Caldwell, and Dr. Jas. H. Houston, be chosen to serve for four years, together with the Rev. R.L. Davis, to fill the place of the Rev. W.W. Rhea, resigned.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the next General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. Rev. J.W. Pelton, Messrs. J.N. Hutchison, and Hezekiah Cannon, Principals; Rev. J.B.A. Wilson, Rev. R.L. Davis, Messrs. R.C. Carson, and Dr. Samuel Rankin, alternates.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurers accounts, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to audit the Treasurers Report, have performed the duty assigned, and find the vouchers correct, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to be $29.19 ct. All which is duly submitted.

H.B. Cunningham,
R.L. McDowell } Committee.

It was Resolved - That the members of this Presbytery pay $1.00 each, to defray the expenses of our Directors to the Union Theological Seminary.

Messrs. Peters Rumple, a member of the church of Bethpage, and Mr. L.L. Stewart, a member of the church of Concord, were introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care, as candidates for the Holy Ministry. They were examined on experimental religion, and their views and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry, and their examination being sustained, they were accordingly taken under the care of Presbytery, as candidates for the Ministry.

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The Rev. James D. Hall, and Rev. A.L. Watts, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Our Committee on Education was directed to converse more fully with Mr. Stewart, and advise him as to his future studies.

Resolved - That the Rev. Messrs. C. Johnston, D.D, S.R.C. Wilson, A. Baker, and Mr. R.L. McDowell, be appointed a committee to examine our young candidates, and report to Presbytery on to-morrow.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

The Committees on Sessional Records were called on for their reports, when it appeared that the Sessional Records of the following churches were handed to the several committees, viz: Center, Charlotte, Concord, Rocky River, Steele creek, Pleasant Hill, Unity (Rowan), Concord (Iredell), Hopewell, Paw Creek, Prospect, Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Lincolnton, Sugar Creek, Providence, Sharon, Fourth creek, Bethesda, Philadelphia, Duncans creek, Bethany, Third Creek, Mallard creek, Ramah, Unity (Lincoln), Mackfield. No other sessional records were presented.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female Seminary, made the following report, which was accepted, and adopted, viz: The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female Seminary recommend the following persons as trustees to serve for the term of four years, viz: Rev. S. Frontis, Rev. H.B. Cunningham, and Mr. Daniel Coleman.

W.W. Rhea,
R.H. Lafferty,
A.S. Erwin. } Committee.

The committee on Supplies made their report, and after some discussion it was recommitted, with the addition of Rev. J.M. Thomson and Mr. A.S. Erwin, and with the instructions that two of the members of Presbytery be appointed to spend one month in Macon and Cherokee.

It was ordered that the newly organized church of Franklin, Macon county, be placed on the roll of our churches.

The committee on the minutes of Synod presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows

The committee appointed to report upon the Minutes of the Synod of North Carolina,

respectfully present the following: They have faithfully examined the Synodical Minutes, and they discover but two topics which appear to demand the consideration and harmonious action of Presbytery.

1. Your Committee invite a special regard to the appropriate and strong resolutions adopted by Synod in reference to the great object of Foreign Missions, and recommend that, as the present state of the world invites to occupation, and begs to Christian effort, all our Ministers impress upon their people the pre-eminent importance of the subject, and give them abstracts of the proceedings of the Boards, introduce the Home and Foreign Record, or the Foreign Missionary into every family, and secure a contribution from every member.

2. Your Committee would also recommend to Presbytery a favourable consideration of another resolution, which was unanimously adopted by Synod, referring to the duty of supporting the Board of Publication in behalf of Colportage.

Having brought these different points to view, your Committee would submit and recommend the following resolutions:

1. Resolved. That all the Ministers and Elders of this Presbytery will in future put forth more zealous and efficient efforts to awaken a livelier and more extensive interest on the subject of Foreign Missions among their respective congregations, and to urge them by every conceivable argument to increase their contributions to said cause.

2. Resolved. That we contemplate the blessed results which have been already achieved by Colporteurs in distributing the invaluable books of the Board of Publication, and in visiting and praying with families who would have been entirely destitute but for their labors, we, as a Presbytery, do regard the system of Colportage, in conjunction with that board, as a very efficient and useful auxiliary to the Gospel Ministry, and where no Ministry exists, as the best substitute we can obtain, and we shall, therefore, countenance and support it, and cordially and urgently present it to the liberality of our Churches as an object eminently worthy of their benevolent contributions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) S. C. Shaw

The following paper was presented to Presbytery by the Rev. D. A. Penick, which was adopted.

The Presbytery of Concord, feeling a deep interest in the prosperity of Davidson College, and having learned that Prof. D. H. Hill, who it is expected will take charge of the Mathematical Department in said College in the course of a few weeks - the collegiate year being

nearly terminated, is thought disposed to undertake to raise the funds necessary to establish another Professorship in the College; with a view to encourage Prof. Hill and to facilitate the speedy and complete endowment of our College, does hereby respectfully suggest to the President of the Board of Trustees of said College, the propriety of calling a special meeting of the Board at as early a day as may be deemed advisable, to consider the expediency: 1. Of establishing a Fourth Professorship in said College, to be denominated the Professorship of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy; and 2. Of appointing Prof. Hill the agent of the Board to operate in South Carolina, and in the Presbyteries of Fayetteville and Orange, for the purpose of raising the necessary funds for such endowment by the commencement of the ensuing Collegiate year. ✓

Presbytery took up the order of the day, viz: The Report of the Board of Trustees of our Female College. The Report was read by the Rev. T. H. Dalton, and is as follows, viz:

The Trustees of the Female Presbyterian College of Concord Presbytery, respectfully report that in accordance with the appointment of your body they have met, organized, and entered upon the duties assigned them.

Impressed with the importance of deliberation as well as energy in the pursuit of the important designs contemplated by Presbytery in our appointment, we have viewed the most desirable locations around the village selected, fixed upon and procured a situation most eligible and convenient for all ends desired, procured from a competent and experienced architect, a plan and specifications for a building which, when completed, will, we feel assured, meet the views of Presbytery, and afford facilities for the extension and advancement of Female Education never before enjoyed within our bounds, and open the way for the complete endowment and permanent support of an institution presenting to the daughters of Western Carolina, rich opportunities for intellectual development and increase in knowledge, in connection with moral and religious instructions based upon Divine Truth as exhibited in the Confession and Catechisms of our Church. And we hope by the liberality of our people, these advantages may be presented, at an expense so moderate, that its doors will be open to all who really desire the privilege.

We were disappointed in obtaining the services of the brother first selected as agent, which retarded our application to the Churches, but having procured the services of Rev. T. H. Dalton, assisted by the Rev.

W. W. Khea, and Rev. E. F. Rockwell, a number of the churches have been visited, and a pleasing interest manifested in the Presbyterial scheme. Our aim is high, to establish a great institution, and we are aware that success will not crown our efforts without sacrafices; time, toil, talents, and money must be laid liberally upon the altar, the cost is great, but when we view the end, as to its influence on individual and social happiness and the advance of true religion, we look with confidence to Zion's friends for support, and the blessing of that God whose memorial hath ever been "he was intreated of those who cried unto him "because they trusted in him".

Two vacancies have occurred during the year in our Board by the removal of Rev. H. N. Khea, President of the Trustees, from our bounds, and by the death of W. B. Wood, Esq., who was called away in the midst of his days and usefulness. These vacancies have been temporarily filled by the appointment of Rev. H. B. Cunningham, and Mr. D. Coleman, and it will now devolve on Presbytery to appoint them or others in their places, and elect in the room of those whose term has expired.

Respectfully submitted by

T. H. Allison, } Committee.
S. B. O. Wilson, }

Resolved - That Presbytery recommend the Female College located at Statesville, to the prayers, the liberality, and the patronage of all the people and Churches under our care.

Resolved - That immediately after the report on Foreign Missions this afternoon, Presbytery will attend to the case of Mr. J. C. Kennedy, and that Presbytery will attend to the examination of Mr. B. S. Rider on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, viz: Hearing the Report of the agent of the Board of Publication, which was read by the agent, the Rev. J. H. Dalton, and accepted, and is as follows,

April 1854. The agent for the Board of Publication for Concord Presbytery would beg leave to make the following report, viz: During the year ending April, 1853 he received the following sums from a few of the churches:

August,	1852	Statesville and Bethesda,	$13.00
		Bethpage	7.00
Sept 8d	"	Hopewell and Fair creek,	5.00
Oct	"	Charlotte,	61.20
Nov	"	Salisbury,	50.00

Dec.	1852. Philadelphia,	$9.00
	Total,	$145.20 cts.

Expenditures during the same year, viz: Three remittances to the Board: One in August, of $15.00: another in Nov. of $120.00; and still another in Dec., of $9.00, $144.00

Paid for draft in Salisbury	1.00
Postage	.10
	$145.10

Balance in hands 10 ct. ✓

Received during the year ending April, 1854, the following, viz:

April,	1853.	From Rocky River,	$36.00
"	"	" Morganton,	5.00
"	"	" Marion,	6.00
"	"	" Siloam,	3.00
"	"	" Poplar Tent,	3.65
"	"	" Hiwassee,	1.00
"	"	" Centre,	5.00
"	"	" Hopewell & Fair creek,	14.00
"	"	" Rocky River,	5.05
Sept	"	" Unity, (Rowan)	3.35
Dec.	"	" Statesville and Bethesda,	8.60
"	"	" Philadelphia,	8.00
		Total,	$95.95 cts.
		In hands at close of former year,	.10
			$96.05

Expenditures	sent to Philadelphia, May, 1853,	$70.00
"	" Feb. 1854,	25.00
	Paid for Account Book	.20
	" " Check in Charlotte,	.20
	Total,	$95.40
	Balance in hands,	.65 cts

From this report it will be seen, that of 65 Churches under our care, only 15 have contributed to this Board. Another fact worthy our notice is this: By looking at the Minutes of the Assembly, it will be seen that, as a Presbytery we contribute not much more than ½ as much to this as to the three other Boards of our Church. These two facts call for an explanation.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. Dalton, Treasurer.

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A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Publication was read, after which the Presbytery heard the Rev. W. Baird, of Charleston, as agent in behalf of the Board, presenting their claims.

A committee of three was appointed to take under consideration the letter from the Secretary of the Board of Publication and the proposition of Rev. W. Baird, in relation to Congregational Libraries. Rev. C. Johnston, D.D., Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D., and Rev. R.H. Lafferty, were appointed this committee.

Presbytery took a recess for one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion within our bounds presented their Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows:

In presenting our Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, the Presbytery of Concord would report to the General Assembly that we have many reasons for thankfulness to the Head of the Church, reasons too for deep humiliation in the sight of God. Among the unfavourable signs of the times we would observe:

First. That there is by far too much of a worldly spirit manifested by many of the members of our Churches. They do not exhibit the power of Godliness in their lives, to a sufficient extent. Of many such it may be said that, "Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not."

Secondly. We fear, judging from the number of vacant churches within our borders, that the value of the living ministry is not sufficiently appreciated in many parts of our beloved Zion. It is also worthy of notice that the large fields for missionary labors are not filled up as fast as we could desire. But while there are shadows in the midst of us, we have also lights to which we may turn. And in this connection we would in the First place, express our gratitude to God, that he has vouchsafed unto us many precious seasons of refreshing. These revivals have resulted in the addition of several hundred souls to the list of our members. We may in the second place notice the fact that there has been a manifest improvement as regards the liberality of our people. We are gratified to learn that the different Boards of our church are better sustained at present than at any former period of our history. As yet, however, we fall far short of our duty in this respect.

Third. We observe with pleasure that there has been an evident advance in regard to the support of the ministry. Some of our Churches have raised the salary of their pastors, and others are more punctual in paying what they have promised.

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Fourth. In many of our churches the Sabbath school, the Bible class and the weekly prayer meeting still continues, and we fondly hope that in this way the seed is now falling into good ground which shall yet spring up and bring forth much fruit to the glory of God.

Fifth. We observe further, that our coloured population are by no means neglected. They are allowed the privilege of enjoying the stated means of grace in every congregation. And in addition to this many of our pastors devote special seasons to their improvement.

In conclusion, we may be allowed to say, that the Lord hath done many things for us whereof we are glad, and that we trust the time is not far distant when we shall be permitted to witness many more indications of the favor of God.

(Signed) T.H. Dalton, Chairman

The following pieces as parts of trial preparatory to license were assigned to Mr. John A. Barr, viz: Popular Sermon on John XVIII.36. Popular Lecture on Luke XVIII. 1-8. Latin Exegesis on "An sit Spiritus Divinus." Critical Exegesis on Luke XVII.1-12.

The following pieces were assigned to Mr. J.L. Parks for trial preparatory to licensure, viz: Latin Exegesis, "An sit necessa Vera Christiana" Critical exercise, 1. Peter III. 21. Popular Lecture Luke XV.1-2. Popular Sermon, Ephesians II. 8.1.

The Committee to whom was recommitted the report on supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: The Committee on supplies would recommend the following appointments to be made by Presbytery, viz:

1. Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D., Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. and Rev. H.B. Cunningham, each supply one Sabbath in Charlotte in the absence of Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. while attending the meeting of the General Assembly.

2. Rev. R.L. Beall and Rev. J.C. McPherson, one Sabbath at Unionville, and Rev. E.D. Rockwell one Sabbath at Bethesda in the absence of Rev. T.H. Dalton while attending the meeting of the General Assembly.

3. Rev. J.B.C. Wilson, and Rev. J. Wooster, administer the Sacrament at Concord church.

4. Rev. W.W. Thorn, and Rev. R.N. Davis, administer the Sacrament at Lake Creek.

5. Rev. D.A. Penick, and Rev. W.C. Thorn, administer the Sacrament at Philadelphia church.

6. Rev. R.H. Lafferty, and Rev. J.L. Wall, administer the Sacrament at Pleasant Hill.

7. Rev. A. Baker administer the Sacrament at Columbus, assisted by Rev. J.C. Alexander. (Licentiate)

8. Rev. J.C. Thorn, D.D. administer the Sacrament at Bethlehem.

9. Rev. T.H. Dalton, administer the Sacrament at Taylorsville, assisted by Mr. J.L. Barr. (Licentiate)

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10. Rev. E. F. Rockwell administer the Sacrament at Bethel church.
11. Rev. P. J. Penick, " " " " Monroe.
12. That the members of Presbytery be enjoined to spend from two to four weeks according to the following arrangement, viz:

1. The Rev. D. A. Penick, M.J. S. Barr, and Rev. J. E. McPherson, spend four weeks ~~recruiting~~ in Macon, and Cherokee.
2. Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Rev. J. D. Hall, in Haywood, and Henderson.
3. Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. Rev. B. S. Brell, and Mr. J. C. Alexander, in Buncombe, Yancey, and Madison.
4. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Rev. W. W. Hoge, in Burke, and McDowell.
5. Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham, in Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe.
6. Rev. A. Baker, and Rev. P. W. Dalton, in Wilkes, and Alexander.
7. Rev. S. Frontis, and Rev. J. B. O. Wilson, in Rutherford, and Cleveland.
8. Rev. J. C. Hoge, D.D. and P. J. Penick, in Stanley, and Anson.

(Signed) J. E. Morrison.

Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. was appointed to administer the Lords Supper at Back creek, assisted by Mr. J. C. Alexander.

The following pieces for trial were assigned to Mr. John S. Harris preparatory to licensure, viz: Exegesis, "An anima naturaliter generatione propagata sit?" Critical Exercise, John 6. 16.— Popular Lecture, Luke XVI. 19-31. Popular Sermon, II Cor. V. 21.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: hearing the report of the agent on Foreign Missions. The report being read, Rev. A. Baker, Rev. J. C. Hoge, D.D. Rev. P. J. Penick, and Rev. W. Baird, addressed the Presbytery and congregation on the subject of Foreign Missions. The report was then accepted, and is as follows, viz:

Your agent on Foreign Missions would beg leave to make the following report:

Steele creek church,	$16.11
Wilkesboro	1.00
Prospect	3.00
Salem,	4.15
Taylorsville,	6.37½
Morganton,	10.00
Mrs Boone,	10.50
J. H. Greenlee,	10.00
Lincolnton church,	6.00
Bethlehem,	4.00

Sugar Creek Church, Saturday, April 22d 1854.

Marion church,	$ 9.00
Siloam,	2.00
Danville,	2.00
Taylorsville,	3.50
Salem,	5.22½
Concord Ses,	43.00
Unity, (Rowan)	5.51
Hyatt's,	3.81
Prospect,	15.00
Salisbury,	65.77
Charlotte,	125.00
Morganton church,	45.00
Steele creek,	35.00
Pleasant Hill,	10.00
Statesville and Bethesda,	32.00
Unity (Lincoln) church,	28.37½
Centre,	21.00
Hopewell and Rev creek,	50.00
Poplar Tent,	32.70
Bethpage,	18.55
Concord,	16.51
Harper,	2.00
Providence and Sharon,	41.15
Mackpelah,	12.00
Mallard creek,	24.12½
Bethany,	7.75
Third Creek,	21.12
Rocky River,	79.00
Ramah,	22.35
Davidson College,	10.00
Sugar Creek,	52.81
	$901.34

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. Baker, Agent.

Presbytery proceeded to hear Mr. J. C. Kennedy deliver a lecture from Acts XVII. 24-31. Rev. R. H. Lewis, and Rev. B. S. Brell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Sugar Creek Church,
Monday Morning, April 24th 1854.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to ~~appointment~~ adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday read. Rev. J. E. Morrison obtained leave of absence from Presbytery on account of indisposition.

Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. and Rev. B. L. Beall, were appointed to examine into the ~~state~~ condition of the church of Burnsville, and report to next meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved - That 1000 Copies of the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery be published under the supervision of our Stated Clerk; and that our Treasurer be ordered to pay for publishing said minutes out of the funds now on hand; and that the Standing Rules of Presbytery be appended to them.

The Committee appointed to consider the letter of the Secretary of the Board of Publication presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee unto whom Presbytery referred the communication from the Rev. B. M. Smith, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, have had the same under deliberate consideration, and would report by recommending the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

1. Resolved - That we regard the system of colportage as a method of general distribution of an approved, sound and salutary religious literature, as the very best means of aiding the gospel ministry wherever it exists in diffusing and maintaining a knowledge of Bible truth and as the best substitute for the ministry when it cannot be had.

2. Resolved - That in view of the inspiring events of the Board for pecuniary aid in sustaining and greatly extending the system, we do most earnestly recommend to all our churches sessions which have not taken a contribution within the year in behalf of that cause to do so at their earliest opportunity, and to forward the amount to the Rev. J. H. Dalton at Statesville.

3. Resolved, That it be recommended to our congregations to establish congregational Libraries, by purchasing the works of the Board, for their own use and benefit.

The committee appointed to examine Candidates for the ministry, reported, that they had examined Messrs. Kreider and Rumple on their literary course, were well pleased, and recommend that said examination be sustained. This report was adopted.

It was Resolved - That the examination of Mr. Steere be postponed, at his request, to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Sugar Creek Church, Monday, April 24th 1854.

Mr. B. L. Kreider read before Presbytery his popular Lecture on Ps. 126: his Critical Exercise on Ps. 110: also an Exegesis on the words, "An Spiritus Sanctus versus est Deus?"

Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. and Rev. E. C. Shaw, D.D. were appointed a committee to examine these pieces presented and read by Mr. Kreider.

Presbytery proceeded to the case of Mr. J. C. Kennedy. He was examined on experimental religion, and on his views and motives for seeking the Gospel Ministry. His examination was sustained, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Kreiders pieces presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Kreiders trial pieces report, that they have attended to the duty, and would recommend that Presbytery sustain them as satisfactory parts of trial.

(Signed) C. Johnston,
E. C. Shaw

Ps. XXIII. was assigned to Mr. J. C. Kennedy for a lecture, and II. Cor. V. 14, 15.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Rutherfordton, on the Thursday evening before the first Sabbath in Sept. at 7 o'clock.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to the Stated Clerk $25.00, the salary due to him for his services for the past year, according to a former resolution of Presbytery, and also $2.00 cts to cover his expenses for stationary and postage.

Resolved, That the Treasurer divide equally between our commissioners the money he has received for commissioners' funds, and also pay over to the Directors of the Union Seminary the money which they are to deposit, their travelling expenses.

A letter from Rev. D. McKinney, D.D. of Philadelphia, respecting the Presbyterian Banner, was read, and laid on the table.

It was Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Sugar Creek for their kindness and hospitality to its members during its present sessions, and that this resolution be read by the pastor at some convenient opportunity.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Rutherfordton on the Thursday preceding the first Sabbath in September at 7 o'clock. P.M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without assigning any reasons for their absence, viz: Rev. McFarland Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, Wm. N. Morrison, M. L. Allen, E. J. Rockwell, W. L. Sutton, and Wm. C. Hardy.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly for the year closing with April 24th 1854.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 68 Churches, 4 Licentiates, and 8 Candidates, viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, And Candidates.	Churches.	Post office Address.	Communicants. Added on Exam.	Added on Cert.	Rest. com.	Total of Communicants	Baptized. Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. of families in congs.	Funds Collected. Foreign Mission	Domestic Mission	Education	Publication	Ministerial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
W. S. Shaw, P.	Mallard creek, P. and Ramah, S. S.	Parks Store, Cabarrus Co. N.C.	29	3	57	293	14	22	130	50	46	5			51	
R. H. Morrison, D.D. S.S.	Unity (Lincoln) S.S. and Macpelah, S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	7		4	91		5	45	49	41	28	28	14		
S. Williamson, D.D. Treas.	College church, P.	Davidson College, N.C.	6	3		93				7	10	31		5		
Stephen Frontis, S.S.	Centre, S.S.	Mount Mourne, N.C.	16	3	21	118	1	9	51	22	21	12	12	10	401	
E. Johnston, D.D. P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	51	16	7	154	9	7	61	134	128	354	100	17	1353	275
D. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	95	2	180	649	28	28	201	160	173	515	140	17	731	67
A. L. Watts, M.C.	Steele creek, P. and Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N.C.	60	8	81	331	15	15	98	50	46	218		10	192	
D. Lindley, F.M.	Concord, P.	Port Natal, South Africa.	22			250				2	16			11	342	
J. F. Johnston, F.M.	Unity (Rowan) S.S. Joppa, S.S. and Franklin, S.S.	Smyrna, Asia Minor.				232										
J. C. Morrison, M.C.	Monroe, P. and Lenoir, P.	Concord, N.C.				14										
J. D. Hall, S.S.	Goshen, S.S. and New Hope, S.S.	Wood Savn, N.C.				208										
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Third Creek, P.	Evansville, N.C.	23	3		171	1	11	70	25	21				209	
Wm. L. Morrison, M.C.	Buonsville, P. and Olney, P.	Asheville, N.C.				20										
W. B. Cunningham, P.	Hopewell, and Paw Creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	32	7	58	451	6	21	170	22	58			17	800	20
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	10	6	15	115		7	46	65	65	209	18	10	750	1225
M. J. Allen, S.M.	Rhiems creek, S.S. and Swannanoa, S.S.	Asheville, N.C.				110										
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Shiloh, P.	Davidson College, N.C.				43										
J. E. McPherson, S.S.	Prospect, S.S.	Dog Hill, Iredell Co. N.C.	25	2	44	266	2	13	77	23	18			9	326	
W. W. Shaw, P.	Poplar Tent and Bethpage, P.	Oak Dale, N.C.	62	9	80	340	25	26	150	53	51	384	15	18	521	
J. A. Payton, S.M.	Siloam, Marion, and Drusilla, S.S.	Marion, N.C.	5	3	2	66		9	40	13	11	14	7	8	487	80
W. C. Sutton, S.M.	Lebanon, S.S.	Morven, N.C.	2		10	90		1						4	108	
J. E. Davis, S.S.	Rutherfordton, Little Britain, and Duncans creek, S.S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.	10	7	11	151	5	11	75	3		5	2	8	936	15
R. N. Davis, S.S.	Lincolnton, Long Creek, and Dallas, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.	5	2	3	122	1	3	56	10	9	11		7	475	15
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	20	7	58	254	5	15	90	51	52	9	10	12	400	10
J. C. Shaw, S.S. P.	Providence, and Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	111	5	101	390	36	45	90	78	42			14	500	429
J. H. Dalton, P.	Fourth Creek, and Bethesda, Pastor,	Statesville, N.C.	38	5	13	135	8	10	42	41	32	163	8	15	1151	125
E. J. Penick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.	41	8	14	149	12	11	63	41	43	421	28	12	93	166
B. L. Beall, M.C.	Taylorsville, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	2			43		3		24	12	21			138	6
Wm. C. Shultz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.	13	1	1	77	2	7	48	25	60	11	11	8	611	181
Wm. L. Moore, S.M. 30.	Hiwassee, Ebenezer, and Franklin (Macon) S.S.	Franklin, Macon Co. N.C.	7	2	5	81	1	1	8	9	2		8		900	
Licentiates 4.	Philadelphia, P.		13	1	10	294	14	23	86					7		
J. W. Erwin,	Bethesda, P.		20			124										
	Bethel, P.					59										
J. L. Barr, S.S.	Bethany, and Tabor, S.S.	Rocky creek, N.C.	6	3	27	145	2	5	62	21	7		6	6		
Robert Agnew	Fifth creek, P.	Miranda, S.C.				21										
J. C. Alexander, S.S.	Hopewell, and Back creek, S.S.	Miranda, N.C.				241										
	Salem, P. and Wilkesboro, P.					41										
Candidates 8.	Asheville, S.S. and Hendersonville, 4. 63,					95			20			82		6	210	
			777	110	811	6866	195	311	1764	776	755	2439	312	245	11112	2616

The Presbytery of Concord further report that on the 27th day of May 1853 they organized the church of Taylorsville; that on the 3d day of August 1853, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. E. Morrison, and the Church of Concord Town, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they licensed Mr. C. C. Alexander to preach the gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 3d day of Sept 1853, they ordained, as an Evangelist, Mr. W. L. Moore; that on the 4th day of Oct 1853, they installed Rev. S. A. C. Wilson, pastor of the church of Third creek; that on the 31st day of Nov. 1853, they dismissed Rev. G. M. Gibbs to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville, that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. T. J. Pemick, and the churches of Philadelphia, and Bethlehem, and declared said churches vacant; that in the month of January 1854 they organized the church of Franklin in Macon Co; that on the 31st day of March 1854, they ~~dismissed~~ installed Rev. T. J. Pemick, pastor of the church of Concord Town: that on the 21st day of April 1854, they dismissed Rev. Gilbert Morgan to connect himself with the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C., that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. W. S. Shaw and the church of Concord, and declared said church vacant: and that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. W. S. Shaw to connect himself with the Presbytery of South Alabama.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 24th 1854

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk

"Pro re nata" meeting.

Davidson College, N. C.
Wednesday, June 14th 1854.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to a Circular letter of the Moderator calling a pro re nata meeting for the purpose of dismissing Mr. J. W. Erwin, a licentiate under our care to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos.

Members present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw	Messrs. Thomas M. Neely,
S. Williamson, D.D.	Dr. J. H. Houston.
S. Frontis.	
E. F. Rockwell,	
R. H. Davis.	

The Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. was appointed Moderator, and Rev. S. Frontis temporary Clerk. The Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

A letter from our Licentiate Mr. J. W. Erwin was presented and read by the Rev. W. S. Shaw, requesting to be dismissed from the care of this Presbytery to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos, in Texas: Whereupon it

"Pro re nata" meeting.

was Resolved That the request of Mr. J. W. Erwin be granted, and that he be and hereby is dismissed from under our care, and affectionately recommended to the care of the Presbytery of Brazos, as a Licentiate in good and regular standing.

It was Resolved That our Stated Clerk send as soon as practicable to Mr. J. W. Erwin a copy of the action of this Presbytery in his case.

Presbytery adjourned, and was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Stephen Frontis, temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Rutherfordton, N. C.
Thursday, Aug. 31st 1854.
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Davis, from Is. LXI. 1. "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed "me to preach good tidings unto the meek." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. C. Johnston, D.D.,	Messrs. David Parks,
T. A. Pemick,	John M. Black,
J. D. Hall,	Samuel Craig,
S. A. C. Wilson,	Benjamin Phifer,
Wm. N. Morrison,	
E. F. Rockwell,	
Thos. N. Paxton,	Geo. C. McCoy,
J. E. Davis,	
R. N. Davis,	Wm. Arrowood,
R. H. Lafferty,	R. A. McNeely,
S. C. Shaw, D.D.,	[illegible],
J. H. Dalton,	Isaac A. Witherspoon,
W. C. Shultz,	E. J. Erwin,
W. S. Moore,	

Dr. S. A. Rankin, Back creek chh.
John E. Moore, Philadelphia chh.
J. W. Morrison, Prosperity chh.
A. J. Summey, Asheville chh.
Moses White, Rheims creek chh.

Rutherfordton, Thursday, Aug. 31st 1854.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. W. Dalton for Moderator, and Rev. R. N. Davis, and Mr. A. J. Summey, for temporary clerks.

Rev. Robert H. Chapman, D.D. a member of Talladega Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Sept. 1st 1854.

8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read.

The Moderator elect was inducted into office by reading to him the Rules for Judicatories. The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read. The reading of the minutes of the last semi-annual meeting was dispensed with, inasmuch as they have been printed and extensively circulated.

Absentees from the last meeting were called on for their reasons of absence, which were sustained as far as rendered.

The minutes of the Pro re nata meeting were read.

A letter was received from Rev. D. A. Penick assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery. These reasons were regarded as satisfactory.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz;

1. On Devotional Exercises. Rev. J. E. Davis, Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, and Mr. R. A. McNeely.
2. On Supplies. Rev. J. M. Paxton, Rev. R. H. Lafferty, J. D. Hall, Mr. A. J. Summey, and Mr. J. E. Moore.
3. On the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. Rev. W. C. Sheely, and Mr. John M. Black.
4. Judicial Committee. Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. E. T. Rockwell, Mr. E. J. Erwin, and Mr. David Parks.
5. To prepare a Narrative to be read on the state of religion. Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. Rev. W. E. Moore, and Dr. S. D. Rankin.

Rev. J. E. McPherson appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

Messrs. Ephraim Friday, and Thos. S. Boyd, Ruling Elders, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made a Report of their attendance and diligence during its sessions.

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Pastors and stated supplies were called upon to answer whether they had read the statistical report to their congregations; when it appeared that it had not been generally attended to.

Supplies to vacant churches, and to perform missionary labor were called upon to report. When it appeared that the appointments were generally fulfilled.

Mr. John D. Cherry, Ruling Elder from Hickory Tree church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

It was Resolved - That this Presbytery having learned that the few members who formerly constituted the church of Burnsville, have sought other church connections, or have removed, or are dead, deem it proper to strike the name of Burnsville church from the roll.

It was Resolved - That the order of the day for 11 o'clock, required by the Standing Rules (the report of the Agent for Education) be postponed until 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

It was Resolved - That it be the order of the day for 3 o'clock this afternoon to hear the lecture of Mr. J. C. Kennedy, and for to-night at 7 o'clock to hear his popular sermon.

Messrs. E. J. Erwin, and S. W. Morrison, were appointed a committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, and Mr. D. A. Penick, members of Rocky River church, were introduced to Presbytery with a view of placing themselves under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. They were examined on experimental religion, and the motives which influence them to desire the sacred office. This examination was sustained as satisfactory, and they were received under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. Rev. Messrs. S. B. C. Wilson, J. D. Hall, E. T. Rockwell, S. C. Pharr, D.D. and Dr. S. D. Rankin, were appointed a committee to examine these young brethren on their literary course.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Goshen, Gaston Co. N.C. on Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1855 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mr. Aaron McFarland, Ruling Elder from Little Britain church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

The Committee on Devotional exercises made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

1. Psalmody by Rev. J. D. Hall.
2. Prayer by Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D.;

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3. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. R.H. Lafferty;
4. Address by Rev. R.W. Chapman, D.D.;
5. Prayer by Rev. J.E. McPherson;
6. Psalmody and benediction by the Moderator, Rev. P.H. Dalton:
And that these exercises take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

We have examined the account of E.F. Rockwell, Treasurer of Committee of Domestic Missions, find that the charges are sustained by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Eleven Hundred and ninety one 5 94/100 Dollars ($1191.5 94 cts.)

(Signed) E.F. Erwin,
S.W. Morrison

Resolved. That since the Treasurer of Domestic Missions has on hand more funds than are necessary for immediate use, he be authorised to forward to the Parent Board $400.00. —

On motion it was made the order of the day for this afternoon immediately after recess to hand over to the committee on the Narrative to Synod, the congregational narratives furnishing materials for the Synodical narrative.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at 2 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day having arrived, the narratives on the state of religion in the different churches were handed in.

The order of the day for 3 o'clock having arrived, Mr. J.C. Kennedy delivered a lecture from Ps. XXIII., which had been assigned him.

Rev. A.L. Watts appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

The Treasurer of Foreign Missions being absent, Dr. S.D. Rankin was appointed to receive all moneys for the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mr. Aaron McFarland obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning.

Resolved. That a committee of five be appointed to bring in a minute in reference to the proper mode of ordaining Ruling Elders. This committee consists of Rev. C. Johnston, D.D., Rev. D.A. Penick, Rev. J.H. Dalton, Rev. J.C. Pharr, D.D., and Mr. David Parks.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Rutherfordton, Friday, Sept 1st 1854

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to examine Messrs. Wm. W. Pharr and D.A. Penick on their literary course presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine Messrs. Penick, and Pharr on their literary course, report that they have attended to that duty, and recommend that their examination be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

And Mr. Curtis Stewart, whose examination was deferred from our last meeting at his request, was also examined, and the committee recommend that his examination on his literary course be also sustained as satisfactory part of trial. (Signed) J.D. Hall,
E.F. Rockwell,
S.D. Rankin,
S.B.C. Wilson

The majority Report on the mode of ordaining Ruling Elders was made, and on motion was laid on the table.

To Mr. D.A. Penick the following subjects were assigned for trials viz: Critical Exercise, 1 Cor. XV. 24, 28. Popular Lecture, Ps. XV. Popular Sermon Rom. V. 1. Latin Exegesis, "An sit Christus servator totius mundi"?

To Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, Critical Exercise, Phil. I. 9, 10. Popular Lecture, Phil. III. 12, 13, 14. Popular Sermon, Col. I. 28. Latin Exegesis, "An est necessaria gratia data "hominibus sine sancto spiritu"?

To Mr. Stewart, Critical Exercise, Heb. VI. 4, 5, 6. Popular Lecture, Heb. VI. 17, 18, 19. Popular Sermon, II. Cor. VII. 1. Latin Exegesis, "An omnes homines sunt mortui in "Legali sensu"?

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to hear the popular sermon of Mr. J.C. Kennedy.

Revs. S.B.C. Wilson, and Mr. Benjamin Phifer, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, Sept 2d 1854
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds to be laid before Synod made their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows, viz:

Rutherfordton, Saturday, Sept 2d 1854.

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of Concord Presbytery respectfully report the following facts which have been collected from the various papers presented to them.

The attendance upon the regular ministrations of the sanctuary has been uniformly encouraging to the pastors of our different churches, and in many cases has resulted in the hopeful conversion of souls. Some of the churches have been much refreshed by the reviving influences of the Spirit, and have received cheering and large additions to their numbers during the year. The spirit of piety and liberality has materially advanced, and prominent attention has been paid by some of the ministers and their churches to the Boards.

Regular weekly prayer-meetings, and also the monthly concert of prayer have been established and are zealously conducted by a few of our congregations. Sabbath Schools for the colored population as well as white, and Bible classes for young men and young ladies are in successful operation in different portions of the Presbytery, and are, indeed, almost universal.

Considering the state of religion within our bounds in all its aspects, and making due allowance for the strength of prejudice against practical truth, and the infirmities to which human nature is subject, we may safely affirm that as a Presbytery we are in advance of former years and previous habits of benevolence and piety; and, we trust, that God by the power of his spirit will continue to perform miracles of grace, and lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our beloved Zion; so that the places of those who have recently fallen victims to violent and raging disease may be supplied by youth more numerous than the drops of the morning dew. It is much to be lamented that some of the most valuable members of our churches have been removed by death; but as we have evidence that they were true christians, our loss is their everlasting gain.

Whilst these things are true, it is to be feared that intemperance, and sabbath-desecration are, in some places, encouraged and practised to an alarming extent. Prayer-meetings are not well attended. Many of the churches have no prayer-meeting at all.

In view of these and other facts which might be stated, we have reason to be earnest and importunate at a throne of grace for the elevating and purifying power of the Holy Ghost.

There are a few vacant churches within our bounds; but notwithstanding their want of a regular ministry, they are in a prosperous condition, and obtain occasional supplies, and are using all prudent efforts to secure pastors on christian principles and with whom they can harmonize and co-operate.

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In regard to our missionary fields we are gratified to learn that in them our system of government and doctrines are gaining on public esteem and confidence; and it is to be hoped that by the appointment of judicious and zealous evangelists, and by the labors of settled pastors during the seasons among the people of those regions, many may be gathered into the fold of Christ.

Much land remains to be possessed, and oh! that all would come to the help of the Lord, and not incur the reproach and curse of the inhabitants of Meroz because they did nothing.

(Signed) S. C. Pharr,
W. S. Moore,
S. D. Rankin.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee on supplies submit to Presbytery the following report, viz;

Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. one Sabbath at Monroe, and administer the Lords Supper.
Rev. Wm. S. Morrison one Sabbath at Rheims' creek, and administer the Lords supper, and that Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. be requested to assist in the services.
Rev. P. H. Dalton one Sabbath at Wilkesboro, and administer the Lords Supper, assisted by Mr. J. L. Barr.
Rev. B. L. Beall, and Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. one Sabbath at Philadelphia chh. and administer the Lords supper.
Rev. J. E. Morrison, and Rev. J. D. Hall, one Sabbath at Bethlehem chh and administer the Lords supper.
Rev. M. T. Allen administer the Lords Supper at Taylorsville.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. administer the Lords supper at Bethel church.
Rev. T. E. Davis one Sabbath at discretion.

(Signed) Thos. S. Paxton,
R. H. Lafferty, } Com.
A. J. Summey.

The committee appointed to consider the proper mode of ordaining Ruling Elders reported, which report was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee to whom was referred the question, "What is the proper mode "of ordaining Ruling Elders - whether with or without the imposition of hands?" - respectfully submit the following answer which they recommend the Presbytery to adopt -

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Inasmuch as both the scriptures and the standards of our church are silent upon the point of inquiry- inasmuch also as both Ministers of the Gospel, and Deacons are required by the express language of scripture to be ordained by prayer with the laying on of hands- inasmuch moreover as the office of Ruling Elder is intermediate between the minister and deacon in an organization which was modeled after the Jewish Synagogue,- Therefore

Resolved 1.- That in the judgment of this Presbytery, the ordination of Ruling Elders by prayer with the laying on of hands is not only valid, but most probably in accordance with the primitive and scripture usage.

Resolved 2.- That whilst we recognize dissent from our standards on this subject, and regard that ordination in which there is no imposition of hands as therefore invalid; nevertheless, with a view to uniformity in the churches and consistency in our practice, as well as the inexpediency of the service- we recommend the imposition of hands in the ordination of Ruling Elders in the churches, as also in the ordination of Deacons. (Signed) S. C. Harris
J. R. Paxton
D. A. Penick.)

The Stated clerk read the statistical report of Presbytery to Synod which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented their report. It was taken up item by item and discussed- pending which the order of the day arrived, the report of the Treasurer of the Education committee.

Rev. Mr Carson, a member of the Presbytery of Union (N. D) being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the Report of the Treasurer of the education committee, which was read by the Treasurer, Rev C. Johnston D.D.- General interesting addresses were made, and a collection taken up amounting to the sum of $29.63 cts.

The report was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Treasurer of the Education committee reports the following monies received during the past year from Sept 1853 to Sept 1854 viz:

Siloam Church,	$5.87½
Marion "	8.15
Taylorsville "	14.16¾
Fourth creek "	7.00
Sugar creek "	9.06¾
Concord Town "	31.50
Taylorsville "	15.52
Morganton "	10.00

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Unity (Rowan)	$5.50
Centre church	12.00
Bethpage "	4.30
Macpelah "	6.00
Asheville "	$2.00
Unity (Lincoln) "	22.00
Rev. W. L. Pharr	5.00
Rutherfordton and Little Britain churches	5.75
Charlotte church	132.50
Rocky River "	50.00
Collected during the year	376.12
Balance from last year	195.21¢
Amount	$571.33¢
Disbursements. To Beneficiary, Mr John D. Keigh	55.75
Amount now on hand	$515.58¢

Of this amount $250.00 are drawing interest at 6 per cent the remainder will be put to interest at an early day.

Presbytery took a recess until 2½ o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The following resolution was offered and adopted, viz: Whereas Presbytery has not heard from their Candidate Mr John D. Harry for four years- Resolved- That the Stated clerk be directed to correspond with said candidate with a view to secure his attendance at our next stated meeting, or to ascertain and report to the next meeting his views and progress as a candidate for the ministry.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was resumed and discussed until the hour arrived for the order of the day. Presbytery then spent a season in Devotional Exercises.

The report of the committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was again taken up, and being amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly beg leave very respectfully to direct the attention of Presbytery to the following very important items of business.

1. The Metropolitan church. The Agent appointed for this Presbytery will call your special attention to its importance.

2. The Cause of Education. Your committee recommend the adoption of the Assembly's 9th resolution on this subject. thus-

Resolved- That the last Thursday of Feb. next be recommended as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit on the churches, and of public instruction on christian education, especially with reference to the necessity of an enlargement of the ministerial resources of the Church.

3. Systematic Benevolence. Your committee would ask the special attention of Presbytery to this subject (Minutes of Assembly, pages 37, and 38) and recommend the following resolutions-

1. Resolved- That making collections for religious purposes is one of the Bible ordinances of every particular church; and that no minister or session can neglect, or omit the regular observance of this ordinance with impunity. (Form of Government Chapter VII.)

2. Resolved- That this presbytery would reiterate its former requisition, that every minister connected with Presbytery be enjoined to give an opportunity to the several congregations to which they minister; to contribute regularly to the several objects recognized by the Boards of the Churches.

3. Resolved- That at every spring session, this Presbytery will institute an inquiry into the diligence of each minister, and church session, as to the duty above enjoined; and that Presbytery will record the result of said inquiry, and report the same to the Gen. Assembly. (See page 38 Assembly's Minutes)

4. The cause of Church Extension- Resolved- That this cause is of sufficient importance to justify and require a seperate contribution from every church, and this Presbytery recommends this cause to the special attention of the churches.

5. Ministerial Support (page 40)

1. Resolved- That by the resolutions of the Gen. Assembly it is made the duty of Presbytery to require every minister to preach on the subject to lay aside all false delicacy- to enlighten their people on this as upon every other branch of christian duty- pleading not for themselves, but for their Master, and that the churches may be reclaimed from a grievous sin and from the displeasure of God. And further, that this Presbytery will call upon every minister and session at its spring meeting, to answer whether they have complied with the requisitions of the Assembly on this subject.

2. Resolved- That we enjoin it upon the sessions, deacons, and Trustees, of the several churches under the care of this Presbytery, as recommended by the Gen. Assembly, to meet together on some day before the close of the year, and annually hereafter, and institute the inquiry, "Is our minister competently and fully supported so as to be free from worldly cares and "avocations"? And if in their honest judgments he is not so supported, that they immediately adopt such measures as may secure the desired result.

All of which is submitted by the committee-

(Signed) C. Johnston, Chairman-

The following subjects were assigned Mr. J. C. Kennedy for trial preparatory to licensure; Resolved- That the 7th chapter, 1, 2, 3 verses of the epistle to the Hebrews, as a critical exercise- and that Heb. 11. 3, for a popular sermon, be assigned to Mr. Kennedy as exercises for parts of trial- That Mr. Kennedy continue his studies in Theology with a view to an examination and licensure at our spring sessions of Presbytery.

Resolved- That the Stated Clerk be authorized to purchase a suitable Book for the Records of Presbytery, and draw upon the Treasurer of Presbytery for the sum necessary to pay for the same.

The following resolutions in reference to the Metropolitan church in the city of Washington were offered and adopted; viz:

1. Resolved- That this Presbytery cordially responds to the thought of the erection of a Metropolitan church edifice in the city of Washington, and also to the thought that the structure should be erected by the churches at large.

2. Resolved- That in order that each church under our care may have an opportunity of co-operating in such a work, each pastor or stated supply of this Presbytery be recommended to present this subject to the church or churches under his charge before the spring sessions of Presbytery, soliciting their aid: and that the amount contributed be forwarded immediately to Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. at Charlotte, N.C. the appointed Agent for this Presbytery.

Presbytery having heard that Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D. is supplying the churches of Asheville, and Hendersonville, for the present- It was Resolved- That this Presbytery is greatly gratified to learn this fact, and earnestly hope that Dr. Chapman will continue to serve those churches with the view to a permanent settlement there- and further that the attention of the Missionary committee be specially directed to those points, and render such aid as may be needed and desired to effect, if possible, a permanent supply of those churches.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock this evening.

After recess

Presbytery met. It was Resolved- That the thanks of this Presbytery are due, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Rutherfordton for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body during its present sessions; and also to the authorities of the Methodist and Baptist churches for the use of their respective houses of worship; and that the above resolution be read by the Pastor at some convenient opportunity.

It was Resolved- That the Stated Clerk be requested to forward an abstract of the minutes of the meeting of this Presbytery to the Editor of the Presbyterian, Presbyterian Banner, and the Watchman and Observer, and request them to publish them.

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Presbytery adjourned to meet in Concord Town, during the meeting of Synod, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz; Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw, R. H. Morrison, D.D., S. Williamson, D.D., S. Frontis, D. Lindsay, Thos. E. Johnston, Jas. E. Morrison, H. B. Cunningham, D.D., A. Baker, M. J. Allen, W. W. Shaw, W. C. Sutton, and D. S. Bell.

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1854.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 62 Churches, 3 Licentiates, and 11 Candidates; that, on the 8th day of Oct 1853, they installed Rev. J. B. O. Wilson, pastor of the church of Mine Creek; that on the 31st day of Oct 1853, they dismissed Rev. G. M. Gibbs to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. T. J. Lemick and the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem, and declared said churches vacant; that in the month of Jan 1854, they organized the church of Franklin in Macon co; that on the 31st day of March 1854, they installed Rev. T. J. Lemick pastor of the church of Concord Town; that on the 20th day of April 1854, they dismissed Rev. Gilbert Morgan to connect himself with the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C.; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. W. W. Shaw and the church of Concord, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. W. W. Shaw to connect himself with the Presbytery of South Alabama; that on the 21st day of April 1854, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, and the Rev. A. S. Wells, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 14th day of June 1854, they dismissed Mr. J. M. Erwin, a Licentiate under our care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos; and that on the 1st day of Sept 1854, they struck from their roll the name of the church of Burnsville, this church having become extinct.

By order of Presbytery.

Sept. 2d 1854

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Thus far examined and approved.
28th Oct '54

A. L. Wirth Mod.

Meeting at Synod.

Concord Town, Cabarrus County, N. C.
Oct. 28th 1854

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw,	
R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Messrs. R. L. McDowell,
Stephen Frontis,	A. L. Torrence,
Cyrus Johnston, D.D.	David Kilpatrick,
T. A. Lemick,	John H. White,
A. S. Wells,	T. B. Price,
J. E. Morrison,	J. B. Knox,
H. B. Cunningham, D.D.	
M. J. Allen,	
E. D. Rockwell,	
J. E. McPherson,	
W. W. Shaw,	A. C. McCrea,
D. N. Paxton,	
W. C. Sutton,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
S. C. Shaw, D.D.	C. J. Alexander,
D. H. Dalton,	S. R. Bell,
W. C. Sheets,	
W. S. Moore,	

It was on motion Resolved. That the Rev. J. E. Morrison be authorized to organize a Presbyterian church in the Town of Wadesboro, should the way be open for him so to do.

It was resolved. That each member of Presbytery pay one Dollar ($1.00) to the contingent fund. Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Goshen church, Gaston co. N. C. on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in April, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

D. H. Dalton, Mod.

S. Frontis, Temporary Clerk.

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Minutes

of

The Presbytery of Concord

From April 1855

To October 4th 1862

Roll

of the Members of Concord Presbytery according to their seniority in the Ministry with the dates of their several ordinations.

	Names:	Date of Ordination:	Remarks
Rev'd Mess'rs.	W. S. Shaw,	Nov. 18th 1820	
	R. H. Morrison, D.D.	April 21st 1821	
	Samuel Williamson, D.D.	May 24th 1823	Dismissed Nov. 5th 1856. See page 182.
	Stephen Frontis,	Nov. 4th 1823	
*	Daniel A. Penick,	Dec. 1825	
	Daniel Lindley,	Nov. 7th 1832	
	Thomas F. Johnston,	Oct. 4th 1833	Dismissed to Chickasaw Pres. April 12th 1860.
	James C. Morrison,	Sept. 18th 1834	
	James D. Hall,	Nov. - 1834	
	S. B. O. Wilson,	June - 1835	Dismissed to Memphis Pres. Apl. 21st 1860.
	Wm. N. Morrison,	Nov. 10th 1837	
	H. B. Cunningham, D.D.	Nov. 7th 1840	Dismissed Feb. 22d 1851 to Charleston Presbytery S.C.
	A. Baker,	May - 1841	Dismissed to Florida Pres. April 18th 1859.
	M. D. Allen,	May 27th 1841	Deposed May 28th 1856. See page 168.
	E. F. Rockwell,	Dec. 15th 1841	
*	John C. McPherson,	Aug. 27th 1842	Died April 9th 1860
	W. W. Shaw,	Oct. 13th 1842	
	Thomas N. Paxton,	Aug. - 1843	
	Wm. C. Sutton,	Nov. 27th 1843	Dismissed April 2d 1858 to Harmony Presbytery S. C. See page 280.
	Thomas E. Davis,	June 15th 1845	Dismissed April 2d 1858 to South Carolina Presbytery. See page 280.
	R. N. Davis,	Oct. 1845	
*	R. H. Lafferty,	April 25th 1846	Died on 18th July 1864
	Samuel Caldwell Shaw, D.D.	May 20th 1848	Dismissed April 11th 1856. See page 75.
	Pleasant H. Dalton,	Dec. 1st 1849	Dismissed Oct 21st 1857 to Orange Pres. See page 211.

	Names.	Date of Ordination.	Remarks.
Rev. Messrs.	P. Tinsley Penick,	Nov. 8th 1850	Dismissed to Roanoke Presbyty Jan 15th 1861.
	Benjamin L. Beall,	Oct. 4th 1851	Dismissed April 28th 1858 to Bethel Presbyty, see Rec. 291.
	Wm C. Shultz,	May 15th 1852	
	Wm S. Monre,	Sept 3d 1853	
	Samuel Caldwell Alexander,	May 26th 1855	Dismissed to Fayetteville Pres Oct 27th 1860.
	Drury Lacy, D.D.		Rec'd from Orange Pres. Sept. 28th 1855. See page 65.
	E.D. Junkin,	Sept. 29th 1855.	Dismissed to Lexington Pres. Sept 25th 1861
	A. W. Miller,		Rec'd from Bethel Pres. Nov 1st 1855. See page 62 Dismissed April 10th 1857 to First Presbyty Rock R. Ark. See page 200.
	B. L. Rhodes,	April 26th 1856.	
	G. D. Parks,	June 15th 1856.	
	R. H. Chapman, D.D.		Rec'd from East Ala. Pres. April 11th 1856. See page 73.
	Jethro Rumple,	Jan. 9th 1857.	
	Jesse Rankin,	May 15th 1825.	Rec'd from Orange Pres. Nov 5th 1856.
	J.W. Erwin,		Rec'd from Bethel Pres. Dismissed to Bethel Pres. Nov 5th 1858 See page 422.
*	James M. Walker,	May 9th 1851.	Rec'd from the First Presbytery of the Apprisit Reformed by end of the book Oct 9th 1857. Died April 15th 1860
	L.L. Stewart,	Oct. 9th 1857.	
	Wm G. Campbell,		Rec'd from Lexington Pres. Oct. 25th 1857 Dismissed to Lexington Pres April 15th 1858
	Daniel A. Penick, Jr.	Jan. 28th 1858.	
	Wm Walter Pharr,	May 14th 1858.	
*	James Bell Watt,	Nov. 1864.	Died Sept 16th 1866.
	Samuel Caldwell Pharr, D.D.	May 20th 1848.	Rec'd from the First Presbyty of the Apprisit Reformed by end of the book May 20th 1851. Rec'd April 5th 1854 from the Presbyty of Memphis. See page 202.
	John C. Carson,		Received April 15th 1859 from the Union Presbyty, Tenn. (Hes School) " " " See page 354.
	William Graves,		
	John Curtis Stewart.	May 7th 1859.	
	William A. Wood,	July 23d 1859.	Dismissed to Orange Pres Dec. 5th 1861.
	John Davis Wilson,	Aug. 27th 1859.	
	Nathan Shotwell,		Rec'd from Huntingdon Pres. Sept. 9th 1859.
	Alexander Sinclair,	June 1856,	Rec'd Oct. 21st 1857 from the Pres. of Allegheny City.

	Names	Date of Ordination.	Remarks
Rev. Messrs.	S.C. Millen,		Rec'd Oct 25th 1860 from the First Presbyty of the Apprisit Reformed by end of the book see page 483.
*	Henry N. Pharr,	June 8th 1825	Rec'd April 10th 1861 from Presbyty of Central Alabama Died March 15th 1862
	J. S. Barr,		Rec'd April 12th 1861 on cert from the Presbyty of Washita, Ark.
	J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D.		Rec'd July 10th 1861 on cert from the Presbyty of Charleston.
	W.B. Watts,	Oct 15th 1861. See page 555.	
	R.J. Johnston,	Nov 17th 1861. See page 561.	
	Samuel Carruthers Alexander,	Dec. 21st 1861. See page 563.	
	Benjamin L. Beall,	Oct. 4th 1851	Rec'd April 10th 1862 on cert from the Presbyty of Bethel.
	S.S. Murkland,		Rec'd May 9th 1862 on cert from First Harmony Pres (See p. 600.
	Wm M. Kilpatrick,	May 10th 1862. See p. 602.	
	Robert B. Anderson,	May 24th 1862 See p. 604	
	Wm McDonald	Oct 16th 1863	
	Gilbert H. Brackett	May 14th 1864	

List of Churches under the care of Concord Presbytery with their several assessments for Commissioners and contingent Fund, and date of organization as far as can be ascertained.

Names of Churches	Assessment.	Date of organization.	Remarks
Providence,	7.50		
Sharon,	7.50		
Steele creek,	12.50		
Pleasant Hill,	6.50	1837	
Fourth Creek,	8.00		
Bethesda,	4.00		
Bethany	7.00		
Tabor	7.00		
Sugar Creek,	12.00		
Rocky River	17.00		
Poplar Tent,	12.00		
Bethpage,	6.50		
Thyatira,	7.00		
Back creek,	7.00		
Little Britain,	5.00		
Rutherfordton,	4.00	1834	
Goshen,	5.00		
New Hope,	7.00		
Olney,	3.00		
Lebanon church	4.00		Dismissed Sept 1850
Swannanoa	4.00		
Unity (Lincoln co.)	9.00		
Mackpelah,	5.00	May 28th 1850	

Names of Churches.	Apprs-ment.	Date of organization	Remarks.
Unity, (Rowan co)	5.00		
Joppa,	5.00		
Franklin (Rowan co)	4.00		
Charlotte,	17.00		
Philadelphia,	9.00		
Bethlehem,	5.00		
Hopewell,	12.00		
Rw. Creek,	5.00		
Prospect,	9.00		
Bethel,	5.00		
College Church,	7.00	1837	
Ramah,	6.00		
Mallard creek,	7.00		
Concord Town,	12.00		
Lebanon,	4.00	1836	
Concord,	12.00		
Salem,	5.00	1834	
Shiloh,	3.00	Jan. 21st 1850	
Taylorsville,		May 27th 1853	
Wilkesboro,	3.00	1837	
Third creek,	12.00		
Fifth creek,	3.00		
Salisbury	17.00		
Morganton,	8.00		
Duncans creek,	3.00		
Siloam,	4.00		
Marion,	4.00		
Bruisilla,			

Names of Churches.	Apprs-ment.	Date of organization	Remarks.
Lincolnton,	6.00		
Long creek.	4.00		
Dallas,	4.00	July 5th 1851	
Hiwassee,	3.00		
Ebenezer,	3.00	1834	
Franklin, (Macon co)		1854	
Asheville,	6.00	Dec. 22d 1842	
Hendersonville,	3.00		
Monroe,	3.00	May 22d 1852	
Lenoir,	3.00	July 21st 1852	
Centre,	12.00		
Wadesboro,		Aug. 1856	
Newton,		June 13th 1858	
Sandy Rains,		July 4th 1858.	
Shelby,		Sept. 19th 1858.	
Davidsons River,			
Beulah,		Aug 18th 1852	
Mills River,		Sept 19th 1858.	
Hat creek,		May 2d 1841	
Castanea Grove,	5.00	Aug 16th 1841	

Proceedings of Concord Presbytery.

Gorken Church, Gaston Co. N. C.
Wednesday, April 4th 1855.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. P. W. Dalton, from Matt. XXVIII. 18, 19, 20. "And Jesus came "and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in "heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, "baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, "and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things "whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you "alway even unto the end of the world. Amen." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D.,	Messrs. Robert McPherson,
S. Frontis,	S. A. Torrence,
D. A. Penick,	Sandy McKinley,
Thos. P. Johnston,	Robert Grier,
Jas. E. Morrison,	
Jas. D. Hall,	
Wm. M. Morrison,	
H. B. Cunningham, D.D.	Thos. J. Johnston,
W. W. Hart,	

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. Thos. N. Paxton,	Messrs. Henry J. Oates,
R. N. Davis,	Jno. Parks,
R. H. Lafferty,	John R. Graham, Thyatira ch'h,
J. C. Thorn, D.D.,	John Houpe, Bethany ch'h,
J. H. Dalton,	D. F. Summey, Asheville ch'h.
P. J. Penick,	S. Nye Hutchison, Charlotte ch'h.
W. S. Moore,	Wm. McGinnis, Mallard creek ch'h
	Lebetius Gaither, Tabor ch'h.
	Samuel Gingles, New Hope ch'h.
	Andrew Hoyle, Bellas ch'h.
	Wm. Clarke, Steele creek ch'h.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Thos. J. Johnston for Moderator, and Messrs. S. Nye Hutchison, and D. F. Summey, temporary clerks.

Mod. inducted into office.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Corresponding members.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. of Talladega Presbytery, and Rev. W. Baird of Charleston Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Members appear in Presbytery.

Presbytery met. The Rev. W. S. Moore and Rev. W. C. Dalton, appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Ruling Elders appear.

Mr. W. S. Harris, Ruling Elder from Poplar Tent; Mr. David Cresswell Ruling Elder from Prospect; Mr. Angus McGregor, Ruling Elder from Lebanon; Mr. John L. Johnston, Ruling Elder from Mint creek; and Mr. A. K. Caffey, Ruling Elder from Little Britain, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats.

Goshen Church, Wednesday, April 4th 1855.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Wm. A. Clark of the Methodist Episcopal church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and the adjourned meeting, were read and approved.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Committee to review and digest standing Rules.

Rev. Messrs. P. J. Penick, W. W. Harr, R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Messrs. W. L. Harris, and S. Nye Hutchison, were appointed a committee to revise and digest the Standing Rules.

Letter assigning reasons of absence.

A letter from Rev. John E. McPherson was read, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

Resignation of members of the Education Committee.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, and W. S. Harr, resigned their place in the Education committee.

Committee to audit the accounts of Rev. T. Johnston, D.D.

The Rev. J. E. Morrison, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the late Rev. Cyrus Johnston, D.D. Treasurer of the Education Committee.

Committee to prepare minutes on the death of Rev. C. Johnston, D.D. and Rev. A. S. Watts.

Rev. D. A. Penick, and Rev. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. were appointed a committee to prepare a minute of the death of the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, D.D. And the Rev. S. Frontis, and Rev. J. H. Dalton, were appointed a committee to prepare a minute on the death of the Rev. Albertus S. Watts. These committees were also instructed to draw up an abstract of the lives of these deceased Brethren for insertion in the biographical sketches of the deceased Ministers of Concord Presbytery.

Also to prepare abstracts of their lives.

Reference from Siloam church referred to Judicial committee.

A reference from the session of the church of Siloam was laid before Presbytery, and referred to a Judicial committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. J. H. Dalton, and Messrs. W. L. Harris, and Sandy McKinley.

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Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to morrow morrning at 9 oclock to hand in Sessional Records, Ministers Reports, and the Statistical reports of churches.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to morrow morning at 9 oclock.
Closed with prayer.

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9 oclock, A.M.

Minutes read and corrected.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called: and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Members appear in Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs E. F. Rockwell, and S. B. C. Wilson, appeared in Presbytery, and assigned reasons for tardiness, which were deemed satisfactory, and took their seats.

Appointment of committees.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator, viz:
On Devotional Exercises - Rev. J. D. Hall, Messrs S. Gingles, and A. Hoyle.
On Supplies - Rev. Messrs J. C. Morrison, J. N. Saxton, and Mr. Wm Brooks.
Narrative for the Gen. Ass. - Rev. R. H. Dalton, and Mr. John H. Gorham.
On Finance - Rev. W. C. Sutton, and Messrs J. D. Johnston, and John Hoyle.
On Minutes of Synod - Rev. J. C. Thom, D.D. Rev. R. N. Davis, and Thos. J. Johnston.

Committees to examine the records of sessions.

Committees on Sessional records - On Mallard creek, Ramah, and College church - Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Mr. Robert McRorson.
Unity (Lincoln co), Mackpelah, and Centre, churches - Rev. H. A. Penick, and Mr. James T. Oates. ✓
Charlotte, and Rocky River, churches - Rev. J. Brantley, and Mr. Cond. McKinley.
Steele creek, Pleasant Hill, and Concord Town, churches - Rev. J. C. Morrison and Mr. Thos. J. Johnston.
Unity (Rowan co), Joppa, Franklin (Rowan co), Monroe, Lemuel, Goshen, and Sardis Hope - Rev. W. W. Morrison, and Mr. D. A. Torrence.

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Third creek, and Olney - Rev. J. D. Hall, and Wm Brooks.
Hopewell, Paw creek, and Salisbury - Rev. W. C. Moore, and Mr. Robert Grier.
Rheims creek, Swannanoa, Shiloh, and Prospect - Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Mr. John R. Gorham.
Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Bethany, and Tabor - Rev. J. N. Saxton, and Mr. John Hoyle.
Lebanon, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, and Duncans' creek - Rev. R. N. Davis, and Mr. D. F. Summey.
Lincolnton, Long creek, Dallas, and Sugar creek - Rev. J. C. Thom, D.D. and Mr. J. N. Hutchison.
Providence, Sharon, Fourth creek, and Bethesda - Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. Wm McGinnis.
Concord, Taylorsville, and Morganton - Rev. R. H. Dalton, and Mr. Lebulon Gaither.
Hiwassee, Ebenezer, Franklin (Macon co), and Philadelphia - Rev. H. A. Penick, and Mr. Samuel Gingles.
Silorum, Marion, and Brasilla - Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, and Mr. David Bissell.
Bethlehem, Fifth creek, Hyatts, Beck creek, Asheville, and Hendersonville - Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Mr. J. D. Johnston.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. James B. Knox, Ruling Elder from the church of Pleasant Hill, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Education Com. to consist of 5.

It was resolved - That the committee on Education consist of Three Ministers, and two Ruling Elders.

Order of the day attended to.

The order of the day was attended to, viz: handing in Sessional Records, report of Ministers, and statistical reports from churches.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. after the sessions of this morning.

The Report of the Committee of Domestic Mission was presented

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and read by the Secretary, Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D., which was accepted, and is as follows, viz;

Report of com. of Domestic Missions.

The Committee of Domestic Missions Respectfully present to Presbytery the following Report.

There have been Commissioned within our bounds during the last year seven Missionaries occupying the following fields:

1st. Rev. Wm. C. Sutton at Lebanon church in Anson County. This church in connexion with one or two churches in S.C. constitute his field of Missionary labor. No Sabbath Schools or Bible classes are reported. Three additions to the church. After receiving aid from the Board for many years, this church seems not to approach a self sustaining spirit. Mr. Suttons Commission dates with the year, and he receives One Hundred Dollars.

2d. Rev. Thos. K. Paxton serves the churches of Marion, Wilson, and Brucilla. This field is growing in interest and strength under the faithful labors of the Missionary. Sabbath Schools and Bible classes in all these churches are sowing the good seed of the word, and the fruits are visible. The congregations are growing in number, and in attachment to the doctrines of our church, and have either approached already, or will soon reach a self sustaining strength.

Mr. Paxtons Commission dates from Aug. 15th 1854 to Aug. 15th 1855. and he receives aid to the amount of $100.

3d. Rev. Thos. E. Davis preaches to the churches of Little Brittain, Rutherfordton, and Duncans Creek. Fourteen have been added to these churches all on examination. Three Sabbath Schools, and three Bible classes are kept up with punctual attendance and manifest interest.

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The new and commodious House of worship at Little Brittain has been completed and paid for.

This field is believed to be growing in knowledge and strength, and will not need aid in sustaining the gospel longer than another year.

Mr. Davis' Commission dates from May 1st 1854, and he receives $50 from the Board.

4th. Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D. at present labors to the churches of Asheville and Hendersonville, and preaches occasionally in other places in the counties of Buncombe and Henderson.

Increasing congregations and growing interest on the subject of religion are reported from this field.

Family visitation and Bible class instruction have been attended to.

A weekly Prayer meeting has been well attended, and its good influence been visibly felt. The observance of the Sabbath has received more attention and become more scriptural and conscientious. The cause of Temperance has taken a strong hold upon the Public mind, and with happy results to the order of Society.

The people of this field often disappointed and cast down by frequent changes are now cherishing the hope of a permanent and efficient ministry, and with the blessing of God upon such a ministry these churches may become strong, and the source of much good to an interesting section of Country.

Dr. Chapmans Commission dates from June 1st 1854 to June 1st 1855. and he receives aid from the Board to the amount of $100.

5th. Rev. W.S. Moore labored until the close of 1854 in both the counties of Macon and Cherokee. Five or Six hopeful cases of Conversion are reported from Hiwassee church in Cherokee. But few additions to the other churches.

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Two Sabbath Schools reported. Also a weekly prayer meeting. A new House of worship is in progress at Franklin. A church has been organized there.

At the close of the year this wide and destitute missionary field was divided and Mr. Moore has now as his field the county of Macon preaching statedly at Ebenezer and Franklin, and occasionally in other places. Mr. Moore's commission dates from July 7th 1854 to July 7th 1855, and he receives from the Board $150.

6th. Rev. John E. McPherson since the 1st of Jan. has occupied Cherokee county as a Missionary field. Hiwasee is the only organized church in this county; but Murphy, and several other places are important points for ministerial labor. As the members of our church are few in number and limited in means the principal part of his support must for some time at least rest upon the Board of Missions. His Commission dates with the year, and $250 has been asked for his support.

7th. Rev. Jas. R. Baird of Bethel (Presbytery) has labored one third of his time at Shelby in Cleveland Co. There is no organized church in this village, but some 10 or 12 members of our church live there, who have manifested much desire for preaching by a minister of their own faith. As this Brother has made no report and has probably left the field no detail of the results of his labors can be given. His Commission was for the year 1854, and he was to receive $50.

Other important Missionary fields could have been occupied if the laborers could have been found. The committee has made repeated and earnest efforts to supply Wadesboro in

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Anson Co.; and the most encouraging anxiety has been manifested by citizens of that Town to have a Presbyterian Minister for whose support they would probably raise $250.

But all our efforts have been disappointed.

Bethlehem and Monroe churches in Union Co. with contiguous destitute settlements, would open abundant ground for labor and fair and inviting prospects of usefulness to a devoted Missionary. Wilkesboro, Lenoir, Swannanoa, Rheims' creek, and other places might afford interesting fields of usefulness to men of the right Spirit.

The fact, that as a Presbytery we are doing but little more than keeping the ground we occupy, ought to awaken deep solicitude and the most earnest Spirit of Supplication. More faith, and more prayer, and more liberality are most solemnly demanded from all who duly consider how great is the Harvest, and how few the laborers.

Members appeared in Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs S. McWilliamson, D.D. and W.C. Shultz, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for their late appearance, took their seats.

Ruling Elders appeared.

Messrs. Isaac Holland, Ruling Elder from Olney church, and E.J. Erwin, Ruling Elder from Morganton church, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

Letter from the Second Presbytery of New York dismissing Mr. E.D. Junkin a licentiate.

The following paper was received and read before Presbytery; viz:

This is to Certify

That Mr. E.D. Junkin is a licentiate in good and regular standing under care of the Second Presbytery

of New York, and at his own request, he is hereby dismissed, that he may put himself under care of the Presbytery of Concord in the State of North Carolina.

By order of Presbytery

T. M. Holliday, Stated Clerk.

Peekskill, N. Y.
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Mr E. D. Junkin received under care of Presbytery.

Whereupon Mr Junkin was received, as a licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Report of com. to audit the accounts of Rev C. Johnston Treasurer of the Education com.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to audit Rev C. Johnstons accounts, as Treasurer of the Educational committee presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to examine the book of the late Treasurer of Education, report they have attended to the duty assigned them— They find there has been paid into the Treasury $733.93 cts. Paid out $151.96¼ cts. Sustained by correct vouchers, leaving a balance in the Treasury of $581.96¼ cts.

Education committee.

For the new committee they recommend Rev Jos. Stevick, Rev R. H. Lafferty, Rev S. C. Thaxton D. D., Mr C. L. Alexander, and Mr J. H. Wilson.

All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. E. Morrison, S. Nye Hutchison, } com.

Treasurer of Education committee. Leave of absence granted.

Rev S. C. Thaxton D. D. was appointed Treasurer of the Education com.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev S. Williamson, D. D. after 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Treasurer of Publication report.

Presbytery's Treasurer, Rev D. H. Dalton, for the Board of Public-

-cation presented his report, which was read and referred to the financial committee.

Report of com. on Devotional exercises.

The committee on Devotional exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

1. Psalmody by the Rev W. S. Moore,
2. Prayer by the Rev J. S. Sexton,
3. Reading of the Scriptures by the Rev W. S. Morrison,
4. Address by the Rev R. H. Chapman, D. D.
5. Prayer by the Rev W. Baird.
6. Benediction by the Moderator, Rev Thos. P. Johnston.

And they recommend that these exercises take place to-morrow immediately after the recess

(Signed) J. D. Hall, S. Ginglas, A. Hoyle, } com.

Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr J. F. McKorkle, Ruling Elder from Back creek church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute on the death of Rev C. Johnston, D. D. presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Report of Com. on the death of Rev Cyrus Johnston, D. D.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute touching the death of the Rev. Cyrus Johnston D. D. offer the following as their report—

The Presbytery in recording the death of our beloved brother Cyrus Johnston, which occurred on the 25th Jan. 1855, feel constrained—not only to express our high estimation of his value as a co-worker in the Master's vineyard, but

specially to cherish the peculiarly impressive warning which the event was fitted to give. In his removal from amongst us, in the midst of his usefulness, not only has one of our most important churches been deprived of a laborious, faithful and successful pastor, but the Presbytery has lost one of its most punctual, learned, and active members, as well as one of its wisest, most experienced, and valuable counsellors. Brother Johnston is believed to have grown very manifestly, especially during his latter years, in personal piety, and ministerial efficiency. He was ready for every good work - devising and executing liberal things for the Lord, both publickly and privately. But, in the mysterious providence of God, he was suddenly - almost in a moment, cut down, whilst in the full tide of his growing usefulness. Well may we say in the language of the Psalmist, "Help Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Whilst as a Presbytery, we deeply feel and mourn the loss which we and the whole church have sustained as no common loss; we are thankful to God for all that his grace did for our brother; for all that he enabled him to do for his generation, and for the assurance, that our loss is his everlasting gain. And whilst we thus bow, as exercised children to the instructive, the chastising stroke of our heavenly Father; we feel loudly called upon to be ourselves, at all times, in readiness to give an account of our stewardship, and to double our diligence in the work of the Lord, whilst the day lasts, remembering that the night cometh in which no man can work, and lest the Master coming

at an hour we think not, we be found unprepared to meet him.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, H. B. Cunningham } Com.

Report of com. to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. A. L. Watts.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute touching the death of the Rev. A. L. Watts presented their report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Whereas; It has pleased Almighty God in the inscrutable dispensations of his Providence, to remove from this world since our stated meeting our beloved brother Albertus L. Watts, late pastor of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill churches; it behooves the members of this Presbytery seriously to lay to heart this afflictive event. Our departed brother, at the last meeting of our Synod was unanimously chosen by his brethren to fill the Moderator's chair over that body, and the duties of that office he discharged with firmness and fidelity; and we anticipated the pleasure of hearing the word of warning and counsel from his lips at the opening of our next Synod; but God's ways are not as our ways, nor his thoughts as our thoughts. Our brother's work on earth was done before his mental strength had declined, and in the prime of manhood he has been called to his rest. The Presbytery of Concord will ever cherish the pleasing recollection of the kind and affectionate disposition of our departed brother, while they deeply sympathize with the orphan children, who in the short space of about a year have been deprived of both their parents.

Death found our brother fully engaged in his appropriate work of preaching the gospel to the churches of Unity, S. C. and Six mile creek to whom he had greatly endeared himself as an efficient and faithful minister of the New Testament, and who fondly expected to enjoy his highly

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valued labors for another year, having spent it unanimously and cheerfully subscribed for his support during that time; but the Great Head of the Church has suddenly, and to us unexpectedly called him to serve in a higher sphere, where he rests from his labors here, and his works have followed him. (Signed) S. Frontis, } Com.
S. W. Dalton. }

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock to hear the report of the Trustees of the Female College.

Mr. Alexander Stewart taken under the care of Presbytery.

Mr. Alexander Stewart was introduced to Presbytery with a view of placing himself under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for desiring to enter the Gospel Ministry. This examination was sustained, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Com. to examine Mr. Stewart on languages and mathematics.

Revs. Messrs. W. W. Pharr, S. B. C. Wilson, and Mr. Wm. L. Harris, were appointed a Committee to examine Mr. Stewart on his classical and Mathematical Course.

Mr. L. L. Rider preaches his trial sermon for licensure.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. L. L. Rider preparatory to licensure; which he preached from the text previously assigned, John III. 16: after which Mr. Rider was examined on Theology, and Ecclesiastical History.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

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Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

C. L. Hunter, M. D. Ruling Elder in the church of Unity (Lincoln co.), appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. J. R. Graham, and Robt. McPherson, and Rev. S. Frontis, after the sessions of today.

Report of committees to examine sessional Records

The committee appointed to examine the sessional Records of the following churches presented their reports, which were adopted, and the exceptions were entered in the records to which exceptions were taken, viz: Goshen, New Hope, Centre, Unity (Lincoln co.) Macpelah, Sharon, Providence, Fourth Creek, Bethesda, Charlotte, Rocky River, Thyatira, Back Creek, Statesville, Hendersonville, Lincolnton, Long Creek, Sugar Creek, Poplar Tent, Bethany, Bethpage, Tabor, Prospect, Steele Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord Iron, Third Creek, Marion, Bloomsbury, Duncans Creek, Paw Creek, Mallard Creek, and Rehoboth.

Churches which failed to send up their records for revision.

The following churches failed to send up their books for revision, viz: Unity (Rowan co.), Joppa, Franklin (Rowan co.), Monroe, Senior, Bethlehem, Fifth Creek, Ebenezer, Hiawassee, Franklin (Macon co.), Philadelphia, Concord, Taylorsville, Morganton, Rheims Creek, Swannanoa, Shiloh, Olney, Lebanon, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Hopewell, and Salisbury.

Com. to write to certain sessions requesting their records to be sent to this Presbytery.

Rev. T. J. Pemick was appointed to write to the sessions of Ebenezer, Hiawassee, Franklin (Macon co.), and Philadelphia Churches, directing them to send their sessional records up to Presbytery for revision.

Report of com. to examine Mr. L. L. Stewart on his classical and scientific course.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. L. L. Stewart on the languages and sciences presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to examine Mr. L. L. Stewart a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, for the Gospel ministry, would report that they have attended to his examination on the Latin and Greek languages, and sciences, and recommend that the examination on these branches be

sustained as satisfactory. But that he be instructed to prosecute his studies upon Geometry, and moral science to a greater extent.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr
J. R. C. Wilson } Com.
Wm. S. Harris

Report of Judicial comm. on the case from Siloam church.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the reference from the session of the church of Siloam, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to take into consideration the difficulty between Messrs Wm. McKee and W. C. Reed, Ruling Elders in Siloam church make the following report, viz: Whereas the case referred to is rather peculiar in its nature, your committee would recommend that Messrs W. C. Rhett, and Messrs E. J. Erwin, A. J. Summey and A. D. Long be appointed a session to visit the church of Siloam, and make an attempt to reconcile the existing difficulty if possible; if this cannot be accomplished that they be authorized to try the case.

Memorial for the Gen. Assy.

The committee appointed to prepare a Memorial on the state of religion within our bounds for the Gen. Assembly presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Presbytery of Concord beg the liberty to report to the General Assembly. That they cannot give as favorable an account, as to the state of religion in their bounds, as they had the pleasure of doing twelve months ago. Yet we have many reasons for gratitude to our divine Master. We trust that the influences of the Holy Ghost have descended upon many of our churches as the gentle showers upon the mown grass. Though there has been no very large ingathering of souls in any single instance, still, there are very few of our churches, if any, left entirely destitute of some tokens of the divine presence.

Another indication of the favor of God, is the increased liberality of many of our people. Almost all our churches have done something

towards the different objects of christian benevolence.

Our ministers too, we are gratified to learn, are generally better supported than has been the case in time past. In many instances, they have received precious testimonials of the affection of their people.

Another encouraging sign of the times consists in the fact that the pastoral relation is vastly more permanent than in years gone by — few, very few applications have recently been brought before this body to dissolve this sacred relation —

While we believe that many of the members of our churches are going on from grace to grace, we are pained to state that there are some melancholy exceptions. Worldly conformity has exerted a blasting effect upon many of the sons and daughters of our beloved Zion.

O may the hand of the Lord be upon the man of his right hand, upon the son of man whom he has made strong for himself. & will not we go back from him. May the Lord quicken us, and we will call upon his name.

(Signed) S. H. Walton, Chairman

Report of Com. to examine the book of Treasurer for Publication.

The Financial committee presented their report on the report of the Treasurer of Presbytery for the Board of Publication, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The financial committee would report to Presbytery that they have examined the book of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication of Concord Presbytery with the accompanying vouchers, and find in his hands a balance of Twenty four dollars & ten (24.07½)

Signed by the committee

W. C. Sutton.

Mr G. D. Parks, a candidate under our care was before

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Mr. D. Parks part of trial.

Presbytery his critical exercise from I. Peter III. 21: also his Latin Exegesis. He was examined on Hebrew.

Subjects for trial assigned to Mr. D. Stewart.

The following subjects were assigned Mr. D. D. Stewart as parts of trial preparatory to licensure; viz; For a critical exercise I. Cor. X. 1-4. Latin Exegesis "In quo sensu est ecclesia Catholica" - Popular Lecture I. Cor. VI. 14-18 and VII 1. Popular Sermon Rev. XXII. 17.

Call from the church of Charlotte for the pastoral services of Rev. A. W. Miller.

The church of Charlotte laid before Presbytery a call for the pastoral services of Rev. A. W. Miller of Bethel Presbytery, Ga. and asked permission to prosecute said call before said Presbytery. The call was read, and being found in order their request was granted.

Calls from Back creek and Thyatira churches for the pastoral services of Mr. S. C. Alexander.

Calls from the churches of Back creek and Thyatira, each asking for one half of the pastoral services of Mr. S. C. Alexander, were laid before Presbytery, and being found in order, they were placed in his hands for consideration. Mr. Alexander having signified his willingness to accept of these calls, Rev. S. Frontis, Messrs. J. H. Graham, and J. F. Wilcoxon were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his ordination and installation.

Mr. Alexander accepts these calls.

Comm. of arrangement for ordination and installation.

The election of Commissioners to the General Assembly was made the order of the day immediately after the Devotional Exercises this afternoon.

Report of Trustees of Female College.

The first order of the day was taken up, the Report of the Trustees of the Female College; which was read and approved.

Trustees elected for Female College.

Rev. W. W. Pharr, Mr. J. H. McMorris, and Mr. R. J. McDowell, were elected Trustees of the Female College to serve for the term of four years in place of those whose term of office now expires.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. S. C. Alexander as pastor of the

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churches of Back creek, and Thyatira, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Report of com. to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. S. C. Alexander over the churches of Back creek and Thyatira.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. S. C. Alexander, beg leave to present the following report; viz;

1st - Resolved - That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Back creek church on the Friday preceding the 4th Sabbath in May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M. and that if the way be open, then and there proceed to the ordination of Mr. S. C. Alexander, and to his installation over the churches of Back creek and Thyatira, and that the church of Thyatira be instructed and invited to be there present by their delegates.

2d - That II. Cor. V. 14, 15, be assigned to Mr. S. C. Alexander for a Sermon as part of his trial previous to ordination.

3d - That the Rev. S. B. C. Wilson be appointed to preside, and preach the ordination Sermon, and that the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. be his alternate; that the Rev. D. A. Penick give the charge to the newly ordained Bishop, and that the Rev. A. Baker be his alternate; and and that the Rev. D. I. Penick give the charge to the people, and that the Rev. W. W. Pharr be his alternate.

Resolution referred to a com. to report at next meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution was read and referred to a committee with instructions to report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved - That the Presbytery do earnestly recommend to the Trustees of Davidson College, and the Female College the introduction of the daily study of the Holy Scriptures into the Curriculum of these Institutions. Committee, Revs. Messrs. W. W. Pharr, D. A. Penick, and R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Messrs. W. McMorris, and C. S. Hunter.

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Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted

Presbytery met. Leave of absence was granted to Revs. Messrs. W. L. Sharp, L. C. Sharp, D. D., and Messrs. John Hoyle, and David Criswell.

Devotional Exercises

The second order of the day was attended to, the Devotional exercises of Presbytery.

Election of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

The third order of the day was taken up, the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly; which resulted as follows, viz; Revs. D. A. Penick, Rev. J. D. Hall, Messrs. W. L. Harris, and Sandy McKinley, Principals; with Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, R. N. Davis, Messrs. J. W. Rose, M. D., and J. B. Knox, alternates.

Views of Presbytery expressed touching a Fifth Board, and trial of Judicial cases by commission

The Commissioners asked for an expression of the views of Presbytery touching the establishment of a Fifth Board by the Assembly, and also the trial in the Assembly of Judicial cases by a commission; Whereupon it was Resolved - That in the opinion of this Presbytery it is inexpedient to establish a Fifth Board; And further Resolved - That this Presbytery is opposed to any change in the fundamental principles of our government.

The committee on the minutes of Synod presented their report.

Report of Com. to revise and digest the Standing Rules.

The committee appointed to revise and digest the Standing Rules of Presbytery presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz;

1. Resolved - That this Presbytery deem it dutiful to devote more of the time of its sessions after the example of our General Assembly, in devising ways and means for the promotion and extension of the Redeemers kingdom; and with a view of securing this increased atten-

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tion, the following shall be the appointed times to hear reports of agents, and committees who may have in charge the several objects of christian benevolent enterprise, together with the addresses that may be delivered by persons designated by the Agents;

1. Domestic Missions	2d	Day of	Spring	session	11 o'clock A. M.
2. Foreign "	2d	" "	Fall	"	11 " "
3. Education	3d	" "	Spring	"	11 " "
4. Publication	3d	" "	Fall	"	11 " "

2. Resolved - That this Presbytery, whatever may have been its course in past years, cannot consent to the dissolution of the Pastoral relation, in any case, unless the reasons for that dissolution shall have been fully laid before Presbytery, that an opportunity may be given for a deliberate judgment, in view of all the facts and reasons in the case.

3. Permanent Committees to examine candidates on the different branches of study shall be the following;

Hebrew - Revs. A. Baker, Rev. L. C. Sharp, D. D., and Thos. E. Davis.

Greek and Latin - Revs. Messrs. J. B. C. Wilson, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, and B. L. Beall.

Mathematics - Revs. Messrs. W. B. Cunningham, D. D., D. A. Penick, W. C. Sutton, and M. J. Allen.

Sciences - Revs. Messrs. S. Williamson, D. D., E. F. Rockwell, and J. A. Sexton.

Theology - Revs. Messrs. W. L. Sharp, D. A. Penick, and C. W. Dalton, John E. McPherson, and S. Frontis.

Ecclesiastical History - Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D., W. W. Sharp, R. N. Davis, and W. C. Sherby.

Church Government - Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, Wm. S. Moore, and Wm. N. Morrison.

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4. Resolved—That our Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be required to report to the Presbytery at its fall meeting, the amount of their expenses to the Assembly, and the Treasurer of Pres. shall settle with them the amount of the same.

5. Resolved—That the Stated clerk be directed to report to the President of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, the names of the members of the Board immediately after election.

6. Resolved—That each church session be enjoined to aid and encourage the great benevolent enterprises of the church, and make a record of their action, and report in writing to the Spring sessions of Presbytery in accordance with the form of Statistical tables as recommended by the General Assembly, accompanying this report with a statement of the fidelity and punctuality with which they discharge the duties which they owe their pastor, and the amount which they contribute for his temporal support.

7. Resolved—That each Pastor, Stated Ministerial Supply, and Session be held as chargeable with a neglect of duty, who may fail to bring to the views of their people the great objects of benevolent christian enterprize with a view to contributions as embraced in the foregoing resolution, and recommendation of the Assembly.

8. Resolved—That the Session of a vacant church, when receiving a Presbyterial supply, should embrace the privilege and duty of having the attention of their congregation directed in favor of some one of the benevolent enterprises in which the church is engaged.

9. Resolved—That all church Sessions, which fail to hand in a statistical report at the Spring meeting of Presbytery, send their

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report to the Stated clerk as soon after-wards as possible.

10. Resolved—That Presbytery will hereafter require from all the Ministers under its care, a report as to the discharge of their pastoral duties, and the success of their labors among their people.

11. Resolved—That when any Minister of Presbytery is removed by death, a special Committee shall be appointed to prepare an outline of his life and character, to report at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, and to be kept in a book to be procured for that purpose.

12. Resolved—That these Standing Rules be read at every regular meeting of Presbytery. (Signed) J. J. Pinnick, Walter W. Pharr, S. N. Hutchison, Wm. S. Harris, R. H. Morrison. } Com.

Trial sermon by J. C. Kennedy.

Presbytery heard the popular sermon of Mr. James C. Kennedy.

Mr. D. S. Knight licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Mr. D. S. Knight having passed through his entire examination, and having exhibited all the parts of trial required by our Form of Government, and all these being sustained as satisfactory, and having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him, the said D. S. Knight, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Next meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved—That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Morganton, on Thursday after the first Sabbath in Sept. next at 7 o'clock P. M. — Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday Morning, April 7th 1855.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Com. to nominate Trustees in Davidson Colleg.

The Rev. W. W. Harris, J. H. Dalton, and Mr. W. S. Harris were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Petitions for the restoration of J. W. Freeman.

Two Petitions, praying for the restoration of Mr. J. W. Freeman to the Gospel Ministry, were laid before Presbytery; which being read were referred to the next semi annual meeting.

Letter from J. J. Harry.

The Stated clerk who had been instructed to correspond with Mr. J. J. Harry, a candidate for the ministry under the care of this Presbytery, read a letter from him setting forth his views and feelings at length.

J. C. Kennedy examined.

Mr. J. C. Kennedy was examined on Theology, and Ecclesiastical History; and he delivered a critical Exercise from Heb. VII. 1, 2, 3: His examination having been brought to a close, it was Resolved - That his examination in all its parts be sustained. It was further Resolved - That Presbytery will now proceed to license James C. Kennedy to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry. He was accordingly licensed according to the prescribed form.

J. C. Kennedy licensed.

The committee on Supplies presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows: viz;

The committee on Supplies would recommend the following supplies; viz;

1. That Rev. S. B. C. Wilson spend one Sabbath at Tabor, and

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administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper, and that Mr. B. S. Reid attend with him.

2. Rev. J. H. Dalton spend one Sabbath at Bethany, and administer the sacrament of the Lords supper, and that Mr. B. S. Reid attend with him.

3. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D. supply one Sabbath at Goshen, and Rev. R. S. Davis one Sabbath at Sweet Hope, while the Rev. J. D. Hall is absent attending the meeting of the Gen. Assembly.

4. Rev. W. W. Harris and Rev. R. H. Lafferty, each supply one Sabbath at Rocky River during the absence of Rev. J. A. Penick at the General Assembly.

5. Rev. Stephen Foster spend one Sabbath at Bethel and administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper.

6. Rev. J. J. Penick supply one Sabbath at Bethlehem, and administer the sacrament of the Lords supper, and that Mr. J. L. Barr attend with him.

7. Rev. J. C. Harris D. D. supply one sabbath at Monroe.

8. Rev. D. S. Reid spend one sabbath at Swannanoa, and administer the Sacrament of the Lords supper.

9. Rev. Wm. S. Morrison spend one Sabbath at Rheims church and administer the sacrament of the Lords supper, if in his judgment the way is clear.

10. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Mr. S. C. Alexander, spend one sabbath together at Taylorsville.

11. Rev. J. Baker spend one Sabbath at Wilkesboro.

All which is respectfully Submitted
(Signed) J. E. Morrison
J. S. Sexton
Com.

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Resignation of a Trustee in D. Colleg.

Dr. J. W. Rose resigned his place as Trustee in Davidson Colleg.

Report of Com. to nominate Trustees in D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz;
The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College would report that they have nominated to serve for the term of four years, Revs. Messrs. Jas. C. Morrison, R. H. Lafferty, Walter W. Hoge, D. C. Hoge, D.D., and Messrs. D. Coleman, J. J. Brunes, Dr. C. Mc. Hutchison, J. H. Wilson, and Hugh R. Hall.
We nominate in the place of C. Johnston, D.D. deceased, Rev. J. A. Hall; in the place of A. L. Watts, deceased, Rev. B. S. Beall; and in the place of Dr. J. W. Rose, resigned, Mr. D. C. Lindley.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Walter W. Hoge,
T. H. Dalton,
W. S. Harris. } Com.

Stated Clerks account.

The Stated clerk presented his account, which was read, and the Treasurer ordered to settle the same.

Vote of thanks.

It was Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Goshen for the kindness and hospitality with which they have been entertained during their sessions, and that the Stated Supply of this church be requested to read this Resolution from the Pulpit.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the church of Back creek on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in May next at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Thos. P. Johnston, Modr.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Revs. Messrs. Daniel Lindley, A. Baker, M. J. Allen, Thos. E. Davis, and B. S. Beall.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly for the year closing with April 7th 1855.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of Twenty Eight Ministers; and have under their care 62 Churches, 6 Licentiates, and 10 Candidates.

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post office Address.	Communicants.				Baptized.			Funds collected.							
			Added on ex.	Added on cert.	Colld com.	Total of communicants	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. of families in cong.	Domestic Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
W. S. Shaw, P.	Mallard creek, P. & Resnch, S. S.	Parks' Store, Cabarrus co. N.C.	27	5	64	317	10	16	131	44	48				148	75
R. H. Morrison, D.D.	Amity (Lincoln co.) & Mackpelah, S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	2		5	95		4	45	61	52	35	22	14	184	
S. Williamson, D.D. S.S.	Steele creek, & Pleasant Hill, S.S.		19	4	83	337	6	11	95	45	5			6	634	
Stephen Frontis, S.S.	Centre, S.S.	Mount Mourne, N.C.	5		24	118	4	3	50	25	20	15	10	12	400	
A. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	27		175	646	11	35	200	80	80	26	42	17	850	
C. Lindley, T.M.	Bethlehem, V.	Fort Natal, South Africa.				124										
Thos. P. Johnston, W.C.	Charlotte, V.	Charlotte, N.C.	15			158		10		134	165	132	153	17	985	
J. E. Morrison, W.C.	Monroe, V. & Lincoln, V.	Concord, N.C.				14										
James C. Hall, S.S.	Goshen, & New Hope, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.	7	1		208		4		12	11					18
J. B. O. Wilson, P.	Third creek, P. & Fifth creek, S.S.	Cowansville, N.C.	18	9	1	234		15	85	11	5	22	16	15	432	
Wm. N. Morrison, W.C.	Rheims creek, P. & Swannanoa, V.	Asheville, N.C.	33			110										
H. L. Cunningham, Th. S.	Hopewell, P. & Paw creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	22	5	60	465	9	25	175	25	37	18	5	17	450	40
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	9		12	167	2	8	38	65	75	25		15	700	250
M. J. Allen, S.S.	Concord, Shiloh, Salem, Taylorsville, & Wilkesboro, S.S.	Fancy Hill, N.C.	8	1	8	299		7	106		14				835	
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	College Church, S.S.	Davidson College N.C.	9		1	58	1		33	9	7				800	
J. E. McPherson, T.M.	Hiwassee, S.S.	Fort Hembree, N.C.				33										
W. W. Shaw, P.	Poplar Tent, P. & Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N.C.				29										
J. N. Paxton, T.M.	Marion, Siloam, & Bonsilla, S.S.	Marion, N.C.	31	3	90	350	10	27	150	43	66	14	18	18	630	27
Wm. C. Sutton, T.M.	Lebanon, S.S.	Morven, N.C.	2		2	66		1	38	20	17	10	10	8	274	30
Thos. E. Davis, T.M.	Rutherfordton, & Little Britain, S.S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.	3		8	56	1	2		7			7	2	107	
R. N. Davis, S.S.	Sincelaton, & Long creek, S.S.	Sincelaton, N.C.	15		7	155	1	12	75	10		4			80	
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	10		5	109	1	13	49		7	50	6		500	
S. C. Shaw, T.M. P.	Providence, & Sharon, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	21	3	69	262	14	9	90	18	119	13	13	12	500	
			23	3	69	364	8	28		39	39	12	8	14	550	45

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post office Address.
T. H. Walton, P.	Fourth creek, & Bethesda, P.	Statesville, N. C.
T. J. Penick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N. C.
B. L. Beall, W. C.	Philadelphia, W.	Salisbury, N. C.
Wm. C. Sheetz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N. C.
Wm. S. Moore, D.M. 28.	Ebenezer, & Franklin, (Macon co.) S. S.	Franklin, N. C.
James L. Dees, Licentiate 6.	Tabor, P.	Rocky creek, N. C.
Robert Agnew,	Bethany, P.	Winnsboro, S. C.
S. C. Alexander, P. elect.	Thyatira, & Beck creek, P. elect.	Miranda, N. C.
E. D. Junkin,	Prospect, S. S. & Bethel, S. S.	Davidson College, N. C.
B. L. Rhodes,	Unity, (Cross) Hopper, & Franklin, S. S.	Mount Ulla, N. C.
James C. Kennedy, Candidates 8.	Olney, & Dallas, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
	Duncans creek. —	
	Asheville, & Hendersonville, S. S. 62	

The Presbytery of Concord further report: That on the 21st day of April 1854, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill and the Rev. A. L. Watts, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 14th day of June 1854, they dismissed Mr. J. W. Ervin, a Licentiate under their care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Brazos; that on the 1st day of Sept. 1854, they struck from their roll the name of the church of Brownsville, this church having become extinct; that on the 29th day of Jan. 1855, they lost, by death, the Rev. Albertus L. Watts; that on the 25th day of Jan. 1855, they lost, by death, the Rev. Cyprus Johnston, D.D.; that on the 5th day of April 1855, they received under their care, by certificate, Mr. E. D. Junkin, a

Communicants.				Baptized.			Funds collected.						
Added on ex.	Added on cert.	Colored com.	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.	Whole No. of families in cong.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Publication.	Benefic'l.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
4	6	16	143	3	11	47	36	39	13	6	15	901	61
9	10	13	152	2	12	68	38	65	32	51	12	721	
13		73	293	7	18	85					8		
1		1	72		1	48	20	46	24	10	8	590	
		5	51		8	28	2	6	7	1		115	
2	2	4	42			17			8		7	244	7
			103										
26	5	77	242	11	11	74	16	29	28	113	6	605	11
7	5	58	315		19	111	19	28			13		
			232										
			40										
			90										
			35										
329	66	250	6447	15	314	1838	777	989	488	490	296	12217	719

Licentiate from the Second Presbytery of New York, that on the 6th day of April 1855, they licensed Mr. B. L. Rhodes to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; and that on the 7th day of April 1855, they licensed Mr. James C. Kennedy to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

Charlotte, N. C.
April 7th 1855.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Back creek church, Rowan Co. N.C.
Friday, May 25th 1855.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present.

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. J.D.C. Wilson,	Messrs. Cyrus Fleming, from Bethany cht.
W.W. Hoge,	Thos. Todd, from Hyatten cht.
A. Baker,	J. Ramsay, from Bethel cht.
L.J. Brick,	
D.S. Buell.	

Rev. J.D.C. Wilson was chosen Moderator, and Rev. D.S. Buell temporary clerk.

It was Resolved That Presbytery will now proceed to hear the trial sermon preparatory to ordination of the licentiate, Mr. J.C. Alexander. After the sermon, Presbytery Resolved That the ears being then open, the ordination of Mr. J.C. Alexander be the order of the day for tomorrow at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mr. J.D. Wilson received under the care of Presbytery

Mr. J.D. Wilson a member of the church of Third creek was introduced to Presbytery, with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry; and this examination being sustained, as satisfactory, he was received under the care of Presbytery, as a candidate for the Holy ministry.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the house of Dr. J.D. Rankin.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to examine Mr. J.D. Wilson on the Greek, and Latin languages, Natural and Moral Philosophy,

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and Mathematics. His examination on his literary course was, on motion, arrested, and sustained.

It was Resolved That the examination of Mr. J.C. Alexander for ordination on science and literature be dispensed with, his examination on these things for licensure having been satisfactory.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The following subjects as parts of trial for licensure were assigned to Mr. J.D. Wilson; viz; Exegesis "Quid est peccatum?" Critical exercise; John XVI. 7-12: Lecture; Ps. CXXV. Popular sermon 1 John II. 2:

Examination of Mr. J. Alexander

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. J.C. Alexander on Theology.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning in this house at 7½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning, May 26th 1855.
7½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

The examination of Mr. J.C. Alexander on Theology was resumed. He was also examined on Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government.

Mr. Alexander's examination sustained.

It was Resolved That all the parts of trial for ordination of Mr. Alexander be, and they hereby are sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet at the church at 11 o'clock for the purpose of proceeding with the ordination.

After recess.

Presbytery met in the church. The ordination sermon

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Ordination of S. C. Alexander, and installation over the churches of Back creek and Hyatteva.

was preached by the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, after which he propound the constitutional questions to the candidate for ordination, and likewise to the churches of Back creek and Hyatteva, which being answered in the affirmation, Samuel Caldwell Alexander was, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry; and installed pastor of said churches.

Rev. A. Baker then delivered a solemn charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. D. J. Penick delivered the charge to the united congregation of Back creek and Hyatteva.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Morganton on Thursday, Sept. 6th 1855, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

S. B. O. Wilson, Mod.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Thus far examined and approved
Greensboro' N. C. Nov. 5th 1855
E. W. Caruthers Moderator

Morganton, N. C.

Thursday, Sept. 6th 1855.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. P. H. Dalton, the last Moderator, from Heb. XI. 10th "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick,	
J. D. Hall,	Messrs. Samuel Craig,
W. N. Morrison,	
W. B. Cunningham, D. D.	
John E. McPherson,	
W. C. Shultz,	E. J. Erwin,
J. E. Davis,	Wm Erwin,
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
P. H. Dalton,	Ebenezer McNeely.
D. J. Penick,	
W. S. Moore,	
S. C. Alexander.	

John E. Moore, Philadelphia Chh.
J. B. Rankin, Asheville Chh.
M. D. Johnston, Charlotte Chh.
Fielding Watts, Concord Chh.
Robert H. Hill, Bethany Chh.
J. H. Hamilton, Ramah Chh.
Silas M. Bailey, Tabor Chh.
Geo. Alexander, Swannanoa Chh.

Morganton, Thursday, Sept 6th 1855.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. R. H. Lafferty for Moderator, and Rev. S. C. Alexander, and Mr. M. D. Houston for temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the rules.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning,
Sept. 7th 1855.
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of last evening read.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. of Talladega Presbytery, and Rev. A. W. Miller of Bethel Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read.

Rev. P. J. Pinick having failed to write, according to appointment, to several church sessions respecting their failure in sending their sessional records up to Presbytery, and requesting them to send said records to the next spring sessions of Presbytery, was continued on the committee, and instructed to attend to this business.

Rev. B. L. Bell appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for absence from the last two meetings of Presbytery, and for tardiness at this meeting, took his seat.

A letter was received and read from Rev. J. C. Rhea, D.D. assigning reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery.

Morganton, Friday, Sept. 7th 1855.

The following committees were appointed, viz;
On Devotional Exercises. Rev. W. C. Steele, and Mr. E. J. Erwin.
On Supplies. Rev. P. H. Dalton, Rev. R. N. Davis, and Mr. Fielding Watts.
On the minutes of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. P. J. Pinick, and Rev. J. D. Hall.
Judicial committee. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. Rev. P. J. Pinick, Rev. R. N. Morrison, and Mr. Samuel Craid, and Mr. Miles M. Bailey.
To prepare a Narrative for Synod. Rev. Thos. E. Davis, Rev. P. J. Pinick, and Mr. Thos. H. Hamilton.

Mr. Thos. L. Boyd, Ruling Elder from the church of Taylorsville, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

It was made the order of the day to present reports on the state of religion in the different churches immediately after recess to-day.

Mr. Wm. Arrowood, Ruling Elder from the church of Long creek, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Rev. P. J. Pinick, and Rev. J. D. Hall, our Commissioners to the last Gen. Assembly, reported that they had attended the Gen. Assembly, and gave a satisfactory statement respecting the proceedings of that body.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Hopewell on Friday before the second Sabbath in April 1856, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The committee on Devotional exercises presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;
1. Psalmody by Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D.
2. Prayer by Rev. P. J. Pinick.
3. Reading the scriptures by Rev. R. N. Davis.
4. Address by Rev. A. W. Miller.
5. Prayer by Rev. John E. McPherson.

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& Psalmody and Benediction by the Moderator:
and that these exercises take place to-morrow immediately after the recess. (Signed) W. C. Sheetz, E. J. Erwin. } Com.

Mr. Robert Potts, Ruling Elder from the church of Bethel appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Mr. Wm. Thomas Hall, a member of the church of Goshen was introduced to Presbytery, with a view of being taken under its case as a candidate for the ministry: Whereupon he was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking the ministry. This examination was sustained as satisfactory and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy ministry.

Presbytery took a recess, (to hear preaching) to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

After recess

Presbytery met. Mr. D. A. Parks, Ruling Elder from the church of Bigger creek, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Mr. Sandy McKinley, Ruling Elder from the church of Rocky River, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Presbytery proceeded to hear Mr. G. D. Parks read his lecture as a part of trial for licensure.

Mr. John L. Harris, one of our candidates, read before Presbytery his Latin Exegesis, which was referred to a committee for examination. Mr. Harris also read his popular lecture.

Rev. Messrs. W. L. Theod, and C. J. Rockwell, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for their late attendance, took their seats.

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Mr. Wm McGinnis, Ruling Elder from the church of Mallard creek appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Mr. G. D. Parks was examined on Theology.

It was made the order of the day for 7 o'clock this evening to hear Mr. Parks' trial sermon preparatory to licensure.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day; viz; to hear the trial sermon of Mr. G. D. Parks, which he preached from Ep. II. 8, 9. the text previously assigned him.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning immediately after Presbytery meets, to hear some of the parts of trial of Mr. L. L. Stewart and Mr. John C. Stewart, two of our candidates.

Rev. Messrs. W. C. Cunningham, D. D., D. L. Bell, T. J. Denick, C. J. Rockwell, and Mr. M. D. Johnston, were appointed a committee to examine Mr. W. T. Hall on his literary course.

Mr. G. D. Parks was examined before Presbytery on ecclesiastical History, and Church Government.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

It was Resolved. That the parts of trial, and the entire examination of Mr. G. D. Parks be, and they hereby are sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will proceed on to-morrow to license him to preach the Gospel as a candidate for the Holy ministry.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Saturday Morning, Sept 8th 1855.
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called; and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Mr. L. L. Stewart read in the hearing of Presbytery his Latin Exegesis, Critical exercise, and Popular lecture. ✓

Mr. John C. Stewart also read his Latin Exegesis, Critical exercise, and Popular lecture. These Latin Exegeses were referred to the proper committee for examination.

His Critical exercises were approved.

The committee on Languages reported that they had examined Mr. J. A. Harris' Latin Exegesis, and recommend that it be approved as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was adopted.

The request from Concord church in relation to presenting a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. H. N. Pharr having been discussed for a short time was for the present postponed.

A call from the church of Fifth creek asking for one fourth of the pastoral services of Rev. J. R. O. Wilson was read before Presbytery, and being found in order was directed to be placed in his hands.

A call from the church of Bethel asking for one half of the pastoral services of Mr. E. D. Junkin was read, and being in order was placed in his hands for consideration.

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The committee appointed as a session in relation to the difficulty existing in the church of Siloam presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows; viz;

The special session, as commission, appointed by Presbytery to whom was referred the settlement of a difficulty pertaining to the session of the church of Siloam would submit the following report. The session consisting of the Rev. Wm. C. Sheetz, and Messrs. E. J. Erwin, and Albert Summey, met in the church of Siloam May 17th and was regularly constituted with prayer. The difficulty referred to arose out of Mr. Wm McFee, senior Elder of the session, and now well advanced in life, taking into his family a widow and daughters, as housekeepers, which gave great dissatisfaction to the church caused much talk and gossip in the community, and thus brought reproach upon the church, and did harm to the cause of christianity.

Charges were also preferred against Wm D. Reed, Elder of Siloam, by said McFee, of the slander of himself and church of Siloam.

After a careful investigation the committee are fully satisfied that the conduct and manner of life adopted by Mr. McFee has given great dissatisfaction to the church, and been highly injurious to the interests of religion. The refractory, and lack of christian temper evinced by Mr McFee during the investigation of the case has, in the judgment of the committee, greatly aggravated his offence, and thus clearly subjects him to the discipline of the church.

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We, therefore, recommend to the Session of the church of Siloam the suspension of Mr. McFee from the office of Ruling Elder; and we, further recommend, his excommunication from the church, should the cause complained of be not removed within a reasonable time.

There being no evidence to substantiate the charges against Mr. Reed, we therefore dismissed the case.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) Wm. C. Shentz, Modr.

Rev. W. S. Pharr returned to Presbytery a call from the church of Ramah, which Presbytery had placed in his hands for consideration at its spring meeting in 1849. The reason assigned for not accepting it is the inadequacy of salary promised. Presbytery ordered this call to be returned to the church of Ramah.

Mr. E. D. Junkin stated that he accepted the call from the church of Bethel; Whereupon Revs. E. T. Rockwell and Mr. Robt. Potts were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Junkin.

It was brought to the knowledge of Presbytery that the church of Prospect had made out a call for one half of the ministerial services of Mr. Junkin, and that it had not been laid before Presbytery because the elder from that church had not been able to reach Presbytery.

Rev. J. A. Paxton appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for his late attendance.

The committee appointed to examine the parts of trial

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exhibited by Mr. J. S. Harris presented their report which was adopted and is as follows: viz;

The committee appointed to examine the Latin exercise of Brother Harris report that they have attended to that duty, and are prepared to recommend the approval of the same as a part of trial. (Signed) James D. Hall. } B. L. Beall. }

The report of the committee on the minutes of the General Assembly was presented, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee to which the minutes of the last General Assembly were referred respectfully report that they have examined the same, and recommend to the Presbytery the adoption of the following resolutions; viz;

Resolved. That the Presbytery calls the special attention of the pastors and churches under our care to the following items in said minutes, earnestly reiterating the injunctions of former meetings of this body with a view to an energetic compliance with the spirit of them - viz: pages

272 - respecting statistical reports -
273 - resolutions. 2, 5, 6 and 7.
276 - " 4 and 5 -
278 - " 3 -
283 - " 1, 2, and 4 -
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The committee further recommend that the Pastors be enjoined to read the above items in the minutes of the General Assembly to their respective congregations.

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All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Daniel A. Penick,
Jas. D. Hall.

Presbytery's Treasurer for the Board of Publication presented his report which was approved, and is as follows; viz;

By a resolution passed at a late meeting of this body, the time for handing in the report of the Treasurer for the Board of Publication, has been altered from the spring to the fall Presbytery; it follows, therefore, that the present report will embrace a period of only six months instead of twelve as usual.

When the last report was made, in April, there was on hand twenty four Dollars. Since that time the following churches have contributed the respective sums attached to their names viz;-

Sugar Creek	$13.61 cts.
Marion,	7.00
Lisbon,	3.00
Centre,	10.00
Fifth creek,	3.00
Third creek,	13.16
Back creek,	8.10
Hopewell and Pleasant creek,	5.00
Ebenezer,	1.00
Morganton,	5.00
Unity (Lincoln co)	22.00
Balance on hand	$111.47
	24.00
Total	$115.47 cts.

This amount has been forwarded to the Board. in

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Philadelphia, for which there is now a receipt in the hands of the Treasurer. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) P. H. Dalton, Treasurer.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will now take a recess of 10 minutes before preaching, and that immediately after preaching, Presbytery will attend to the license of Mr. G. D. Parks.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and after divine service Mr. G. D. Parks was licensed, according to the Form of our Book, to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The report of the committee on supplies was taken up, amended, and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to nominate supplies for vacant churches beg leave to recommend the following; viz;

Rev. D. A. Penick one Sabbath at Bethlehem;

Rev. P. J. Penick administer the Lord's supper at Tabor church.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Rev. A. B. Cunningham, D. D. administer the Lord's supper at Concord church.

Rev. J. C. Alexander, and Rev. W. W. Thaw, administer the Lord's supper at Wilkesboro.

Rev. J. B. O. Wilson, and Rev. P. H. Dalton, administer the Lord's supper at Taylorsville.

Rev. B. J. Beall, and Rev. J. Frontis, administer the Lord's supper at Shiloh.

Rev. A. W. Miller, and Rev. J. C. Thaw, D. D. administer the Lord's supper at Monroe.

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Rev. J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Bruinlla.
Rev. R. N. Davis one Sabbath at Shelby.
Rev. W. C. Shertz on Sabbath at Marion.
Rev. T. E. Davis one Sabbath at Siloam
Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. one Sabbath at Swannanoa.
Rev. W. K. Morrison one Sabbath at Rheims creek.
Mr. G. D. Parks one Sabbath at Wilkesboro and one at Taylorsville.
Revs. S. Williamson, D.D. and Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. one Sabbath each at discretion.

Respectfully submitted:
(Signed) T. H. Dalton,
R. N. Davis,
Fielding Watts
} Com.

The committee to examine Mr. W. J. Hall presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee appointed to examine Mr. W. J. Hall on his literary course, report that they have attended to the matter assigned and have examined Mr. Hall on the Latin and Greek languages, Mathematics, Philosophy, Natural, Mental, and Moral. And they recommend that his examination on these subjects be sustained as part of his trial for licensure.

All which is submitted
(Signed) W. B. Cunningham, D.D.
R. L. Beall,
E. F. Rockwell,
P. J. Penick,
N. D. Johnston
} Com.

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Mr. J. H. Greenlee, Ruling Elder from Marion church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Mr. Robert Potts, Ruling Elder from Bethel church, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz; The devotional exercises.

The committee appointed to prepare for Synod a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion within our bounds during the year for Synod, would respectfully report

That there has been little of special interest in our portion of Zion - that portion over which the Lord has made us overseers.

The attendance on the means of grace has been encouraging - a goodly number of precious souls added to the church - peace and harmony prevail in our borders - Sabbath schools, Bible classes, catechetical instruction, weekly lectures, and prayer meetings have been kept up with some spirit a considerable degree of liberality has been manifested towards the Boards of our church, to extend the borders of the Redeemers kingdom.

Yet there is much over which to mourn. The stately steppings of the Lord are not seen in our midst. revivals are few. that word which is quick and powerful, falls lifeless on the hearts of sinners, while they hasten by thousands to an undone eternity.

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The graces of God's people languish and their zeal grows cold.

Thus while we should be grateful to the Head of the church for his blessings on our part of Zion, yet there is much, which is calculated to call forth earnest prayer and increased efforts, on the part of ministers, elders, and people.

"Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. E. Davis,
J. J. Penick,
J. W. Hamilton, } Com.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegeses of Messrs. L. L. Stewart, and J. C. Stewart, reported, recommending the approval of these exercises as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was adopted.

Certain papers from the church of Concord in relation to a call to Rev. W. N. Thom being laid before Presbytery, the following was adopted:

Certain papers from Concord church, Iredell co. asking leave of Presbytery to prosecute a call for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. N. Thom, their former pastor now of Alabama, being presented to Presbytery and considered;

It was Resolved - That inasmuch as, in the judgment of Presbytery the church of Concord should have made out this call in the regular form, which does not appear to have been done - inasmuch also as the amount of salary which it is proposed to place in the call is manifestly both insufficient for the support of a pastor and less than the people of that church

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are believed to be able to give: the papers be returned to said church, with a view to facilitate the object aimed at with the suggestion that a call be regularly made out with an adequate salary to be laid before Presbytery at its next adjourned meeting.

Mr. J. Harper, Ruling Elder from the church of Lenoir appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

The following paper was presented and adopted; viz;

It having come to the knowledge of this Presbytery that various rumors injurious to religion and threatening to distract the churches in which the Rev. M. J. Allen has been laboring for twelve months past, Concord and Shiloh - Resolved - That a committee be appointed to visit said churches, inquire into the rumors and evils existing there, with a view to remove them, if practicable, and report to this Presbytery at its next meeting.

Rev. W. W. Thom, Rev. L. B. C. Wilson, and Mr. J. A. Allison, were appointed said committee.

The Stated clerk presented the statistical report, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination of Mr. E. D. Junkin presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. E. D. Junkin beg leave to report; - They recommend that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Prospect church on the Friday before the 5th Sabbath of this present month,

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the 28th inst. at 11 o'clock A.M. And if the way be open that Rev. D. A. Penick preach the sermon, preside, and propose the constitutional questions; and that Rev. P. J. Penick be his alternate. That Rev. W. W. Pharr deliver the charge to the people, and Rev. P. H. Dalton be his alternate. That Rev. S. Frontis deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. L. B. O. Wilson be his alternate.

(Signed) E. F. Rockwell,
Robt. Potts.

Rom. I. 5: was assigned Mr. Junkin as the subject for his trial sermon preparatory to his ordination.

Rev. P. H. Dalton reported that the committee to prepare a biographical sketch of the life of Rev. A. L. Watts had not completed the work, but would do so, as soon as they could obtain the necessary facts.

Rev. D. A. Penick read a Biographical Sketch of the life of Rev. Cyprus Johnston, D.D. and it was ordered that it be spread upon the Book of obituary notices of Presbytery.

Petitions from the churches of Tabor and Bethany, praying for the ordination of Mr. B. L. Rhodes as an evangelist were laid before Presbytery and read; Whereupon it was Resolved - That Presbytery considers it inexpedient to grant the request.

The following preamble and Resolutions were presented, read, and adopted; viz:

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Whereas the cars on the Central Rail Road of N.C. have for some time been running, and do still continue to run on the Sabbath day to the great grief and annoyance of the lovers of practical religion and to the manifest injury of the cause of Christ, Therefore

Resolved 1. That Presbytery declare it to be their clear conviction that the christian communities lying along the line of said Rail Road are receiving great religious detriment from the running of the cars on that road on the Sabbath day, that the permission of such a practice on the part of the responsible managers of the road as a direct violation of Gods holy law, and has a tendency to create a looseness of views touching the sacredness of the holy Sabbath day.

Resolved 2. That the ministers having charge of churches lying on the line of the road be recommended to take measures to secure a petition to the Stockholders and Directors of the Central Rail Road from all the members of the church and from those who desire the prevalence of true religion earnestly requesting them to redress the grievance expressed in the above resolution.

Resolution 3. That a committee be appointed to draw up an appeal on this subject to the directors and Stockholders of the Central Rail Road, and present it to the next meeting of those bodies.

Rev. P. J. Penick, Rev. W. W. Pharr, and Daniel Coleman, Esq.

were appointed the committee contemplated in Resolution 8:

The following preamble and Resolutions were adopted; viz; Whereas rumors have come to us of unchristian conduct of Mr. Robert Agnew, a licentiate under the care of Concord Presbytery; Therefore

Resolved- That a committee be appointed, and authorized to correspond with the session of the church at Winnsboro S. C., and find out the truth of the whole matter, and report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Revs. H. B. Cunningham, D.D., Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and J. H. Wilson, Esq. were appointed said committee.

It was Resolved- That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the citizens of Morganton for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this body during their present sessions, and that Rev. W. C. Hentz be requested to read this resolution in this church whenever he may deem it most expedient.

Resolved 2d. That our thanks be also tendered to the officers of the Methodist E. church for the offer of their house for our use.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the M. E. church at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. It was resolved- That a collection be taken up in our churches to aid the church of Franklin (Macon co.) in completing their house of worship.

The committee appointed to audit the account

of Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows; viz;

We have examined the foregoing account of E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions- the charges are sustained by proper vouchers, and we find a balance in his hands of One thousand and thirty four Dollars and sixty eight ct.s (#1034.68 ct.) (Signed) P. H. Dalton. S. McKinley.

Rev. John E. McPherson made some statements to Presbytery in relation to the condition of the Town of Murphy, and the great importance of having a house of worship erected there; Whereupon it was Resolved- That Presbytery will raise Three Hundred Dollars to aid in erecting a church edifice at Murphy, on condition that the citizens there raise the same amount (viz. $300.00)

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Friday before the 5th Sabbath of this month at Prospect church at 11 o'clock. A.M.

R. H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

N. B- The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Revs. McLeod, R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. Williamson, D.D., S. Frontis, D. Lindsay, T. F. Johnston, J. C. Monroe, A. Baker, M. T. Allen, W. W. Thorn, and W. C. Sutton.

Prospect Church, Rowan co. N.C.
Friday, Sept. 28th 1855.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. T.H. Dalton, the last Moderator present. The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev D.A. Penick,	Mssrs. R.H. Morrison,
" E.F. Rockwell,	
" T.H. Dalton,	J.L. Patterson,
" T.J. Penick,	Daniel Coleman,
" R.L. Beall,	
" J.C. Alexander,	John F. McCorkle,
" J.B.O. Wilson,	
	David Ramsay, Prospect chh.
	T.H. Hamilton, Ramah chh.
	Rufus Ramsey, Centre chh.

A call from the church of Prospect for one half of the pastoral services of Mr. E.D. Junkin was laid before Presbytery and read, and being found in the regular form, was placed in the hands of Mr. Junkin for consideration; whereupon he signified his acceptance of the call.

Presbytery then proceeded to hear Mr. Junkin's trial sermon preparatory to ordination.

The Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. of Orange Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

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After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange with a view to connect himself with this Presbytery. He was examined in the usual manner, and this examination being entirely satisfactory he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. E.D. Junkin with a view to his ordination. He was examined on experimental religion, Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History.

Rev. D. Lacy, D.D., and Rev. E.F. Rockwell, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the evening at the call of the Moderator, at the house of Mr. Kilpatrick.

After recess.

Presbytery met at Mr. Kilpatrick's, and resumed the examination of Mr. E.D. Junkin on the Greek, and Hebrew Languages: also on Church Government, and Discipline. The examination being brought to a close, it was Resolved. That the whole examination, together with the sermon, be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

It was further Resolved. That on to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock Presbytery will proceed to ordain and install Mr. E.D. Junkin over the congregation of Prospect.

It was Resolved. That Mr. Junkin be installed over the church of Bethel on to-morrow week, Oct. 6th 1855; and that Rev. W.S. Shaw preside,

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and delivered the charge to the Pastor, and that Rev B.L. Beall joined the sermon, and delivered the charge to the people. Rev D.A. Penick be alternate to Rev W.P. Thos, and Rev L.C. Alexander be alternate to Rev B.L. Beall.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in Prospect church. Closed with prayer.

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11 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Presbytery proceeded with the ordination services. Rev D.A. Penick presided, preached the sermon, and propounded the the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, E.D. Junkin was, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel Ministry, and installed pastor of the congregation of Prospect: after which Rev S.B.O. Wilson delivered a charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev P.H. Dalton delivered a charge to the people.

It was ordered that the name of Rev E.D. Junkin be placed on our roll as a regular member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Greensboro during the meeting of Synod, at the call of the Mod.r Closed with prayer.

R.H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

At the Meeting of Synod.

Greensboro, N.C.

Thursday, Nov. 1st 1855. 9 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev D.A. Penick,	Messrs J.M. Black,
" Jas. D. Hall,	J.W. Reed,
" S.B.O. Wilson,	
" H.B. Cunningham, D.D.	
" A. Baker,	D.A. Davis,
" W.W. Thos,	Hyan Cannon,
" R.N. Davis,	
" R.H. Lafferty,	
" S.C. Thos, D.D.	John Steele,
" P.H. Dalton,	
" E.D. Penick,	A.H. Mop,
" L.C. Alexander,	John H. Graham,
" Drury Lacy, D.D.	Wm Hayes, M.D.
" J.N. Boyton,	Jas. A. Hill,
" Wm C. Sutton,	D. Nevin,

The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr Jethro Rumple, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery:

For a popular sermon, John X. 9: For a popular lecture Ps. XXIII. For a Critical exercise Heb. VI. 1-9: Latin exegesis, "An Spiritus sanctus sit Deus?"

Rev A.W. Miller presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Bethel, with a view to connect himself with this

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Presbytery. He was examined on Theology, and the examination being satisfactory he was received as a member.

A communication was received from Rev. J. P. Johnston asking to be dismissed from this Presbytery, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Memphis. His request was accordingly granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

A call was presented from the church of Charlotte for the pastoral services of Rev. A. W. Miller, which being found in due form, was placed in his hands for consideration.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Mod'r—

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Nov. 2d 1855. 8½ o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Rev. A. W. Miller signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hands from the church of Charlotte.

It was Resolved—That Rev. Messrs. W. W. Pharr and R. H. Lafferty be a committee to attend to the installation of Rev. A. W. Miller over the church of Charlotte. That Rev. W. W. Pharr preach the sermon and preside, and that Rev. R. H. Lafferty deliver the charge to the pastor, and the congregation, that Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. be alternate to Rev. W. W. Pharr, and T. J. Penick be alternate to Rev. R. H. Lafferty; and that the exercises take place on Saturday before the last Sabbath in this month. (Nov.)—

The committee, appointed to correspond with the session of the church at Winnsboro, S. C. respecting rumors of immoral conduct of Mr. Robert Agnew, a licentiate under

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our care, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and laid before Presbytery a communication from James R. Aiken, Esq. clerk of the session of the church at Winnsboro, in which charges of immoral conduct are specified, and the names of witnesses given for each specification.

After some consideration of the matter, it was resolved—That Presbytery will take a recess till to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Saturday morning, Nov. 3d 1855.

8½ o'clock.

After recess, Presbytery met, and took up the unfinished business of last night. When the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted, viz;

Whereas Presbytery is satisfied that Mr. Robert Agnew, a probationer for the holy ministry under our care, on account of irregular and immoral conduct, is not acceptable to the churches: Therefore Resolved—That his license to preach the Gospel be, and it hereby is recalled.

2. Resolved—That the communication from the session of Winnsboro church be forwarded to the church session of Columbia in connection with a copy of the foregoing resolution, that said session may act in the premises in accordance with our discipline.

3. Resolved—That Mr. Agnew be furnished with a copy of the foregoing Resolutions.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet in the church of Hopewell on Friday, April 11th 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with Prayer.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk—

Statistical report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1855.

The Presbytery of Concord, Report. That they consist of Thirty one Ministers, and have under their care 12 churches, 5 Licentiates, and 3 Candidates; that on the twenty third day of Jan. 1855, they lost, by death, Rev. Absalom L. Watts; that on the 25th day of Jan. 1855, they lost, by death, the Rev. Cyrus Johnston, D.D.; that on the 5th day of April 1855, they received, under their care, by certificate, A. E.D. Junkin, a Licentiate, from the Second Presbytery of New York; that on the 6th day of April, 1855, they licensed Mr. B.S. Rowles to preach the the Gospel as a Probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 7th day of April, 1855, they licensed Mr. James C. Kennedy to preach the Gospel as a Probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 26th day of May, 1855, they ordained Mr. S.C. Alexander, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Back creek, and Thyatira; that on the 8th day of Sept. 1855, they licensed Mr. G.D. Parker to preach the Gospel as a Probationer for the holy ministry; that on the 20th day of Sept. 1855, they received as a member, Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D., from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 29th day of Sept. 1855, they ordained Mr. E.D. Junkin, and installed him Pastor of the Congregations of Prospect; and that on the 1st day of Nov. 1855, they received, as a member, the Rev. A. W. Miller, from the Presbytery of Bethel.

By order of Presbytery

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

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Hopewell church, Mecklenburg co. N.C.
Friday, April 11th 1856.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, Rev. R.H. Lafferty, from Is. XXVI. 19: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise:" Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. W.L. Pharr,	Messrs. Thos. H. Hamilton,
R.H. Morrison, D.D.	James W. Moore,
S. Williamson, D.D.	
D.A. Penick,	John S. McClarty,
J.D. Hall,	Wm. Rutledge,
S.B.O. Wilson,	Dr. James G. Ramsay,
H.B. Cunningham, D.D.	Wm. A. Semple,
A. Baker,	
W.W. Pharr,	Theophilus Cannon,
T.N. Paxton,	
T.E. Davis,	N.C. Oliphant,
R.N. Davis,	J.A. Ramsour,
R.H. Lafferty,	John Howie,
P.H. Dalton,	T.A. Allison,
P.T. Penick,	D. Coleman,
B.L. Beall,	
W.S. Moore,	
S.C. Alexander,	James Gibson,
Drury Lacy, D.D.	
E.D. Junkin,	D.A. Caldwell,
A.W. Miller,	J.W. Osborne,

Ruling Elders:

Messrs. Wm D. Howard, Morganton chh.
Wm Beard, Philadelphia chh.
Wm Ray, Providence chh.
R. C. Wilson, Taylorsville chh.
Wm F. Cowan, Bethany chh.
James Andrew, Tabor chh.
Fielding Watts, Concord chh.
A. R. Erwin, Pleasant Hill chh.
Samuel Craig, New Hope chh.
Edmund Rice, Unity chh. (Rowan)
Thos B. Price, Steele creek church,
Dr James R. B. Adams, Fifth creek chh.
Wm C. Moore, Centre chh.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. R. N. Davis for Moderator, and Rev. B. L. Bell, and Dr J. G. Ramsey, temporary clerks.

Mod'r inducted into office.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

Corresponding member.

The Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. of the Presbytery of East Alabama being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Recess.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Minutes read.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting and also of the adjourned meetings were read.

Report of members to supply vacant churches.

The members who were appointed to supply vacant churches were called on to report, when it ap-

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peared that the appointments had been generally fulfilled.

reasons of absence assigned.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. & Williamson, D.D., A. Baker, and W. W. Ward, assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained as satisfactory.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. received as a member of Presbytery.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Alabama to join this Presbytery. He was examined in the usual manner, and this examination being entirely satisfactory, he was received as a member of Concord Presbytery.

Letters of excuse for absence from the present meeting.

Letters were received from Rev. Messrs. J. C. Morrison, W. C. Sheetz, S. Frontis, and J. C. McKerson, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, and Rev. J. C. Morrison also assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting.

Candidate received under the care of Pres.

Mr. J. De Witt Burkhead, a member of Prospect church, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the holy ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives in seeking the office of the holy ministry; and this examination being sustained, he was taken under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry.

Committee to examine Mr. Burkhead on his classical and scientific studies.

Rev. S. Williamson, D.D., Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and Dr J. G. Ramsey, were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Burkhead on his classical and scientific studies to-night, and report to-morrow.

committee on obituary notice of Rev. A. S. Watts report.

The committee appointed to prepare an obituary notice of the Rev. A. S. Watts presented the notice which they had prepared, which was approved, and ordered to be recorded in the Book for that purpose.

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The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Committees appointed.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator; viz: On Devotional Exercises, Rev. W. R. Cunningham, D.D., and Mr. Wm A. Semple.

On Supplies; Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, Rev. J. N. Peyton, and Mr. J. A. Ramsour.

On Narrative of Religion; Rev. A. Baker, Rev. W. S. Moore, and Mr. J. H. Hamilton.

Judicial Committee; Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. Rev. W. W. Pharr, Messrs. J. A. Allison, and Wm Rea.

Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College; Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. J. N. Peyton, and J. W. Osborne, Esq.

Committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College; Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. B. L. Beall, and Mr. J. A. Allison.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to hand in sessional records.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report of the Trustees of the Female College. ✓

Resignation of Rev. J. E. Morrison as Trustee.

Rev. J. E. Morrison tendered his resignation as Trustee in Davidson College; which was accepted.

Rev. J. J. Johnston returns letter of dismission.

Rev. Thos P. Johnston, who at the last adjourned meeting of this Presbytery was dismissed at his own request, to join the Presbytery of Memphis, returned his letter of dismission, and requested that his name be still retained on our roll. His request was granted.

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Rev. J. J. Johnston's reasons for absence.

He also laid before Presbytery by letter his reasons for absence from the last and present sessions of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

J. S. Bard, a Licentiate, dismissed.

Mr J. S. Bard, a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, was dismissed, at his own request, with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark.

Dissolution of pastoral relation.

Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. requested that the Pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Providence and Sharon be dissolved; and these churches uniting with him in this request, it was granted, and said churches declared vacant.

Dismission of Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D.

Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. was at his own request dismissed to join the Presbytery of Knoxville, Tenn, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Report of Com. on Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

1. Psalmody by Rev. W. S. Moore.
2. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.
3. Reading of Scriptures by the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson.
4. Address by the Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D.
5. Psalmody and benediction by the Mod^r Rev. R. H. Morrison.

and that these exercises take place to-morrow afternoon immediately after recess.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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April 12th 1856.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened

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with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Committees on Sessional Records.

The following committees on Sessional records were announced by the Moderator: viz:

Committee to examine the records of Mallard creek and Ramah, Rev. R. H. Wilson, and Samuel Craig.

Unity (Lincoln co.) Mackfelah, and College church; Rev. D. A. Penick, and J. A. Ramsour.

Centre, and Charlotte; Rev. W. W. Hoge, and J. A. Allison.

Rocky River, Steele creek, and Pleasant Hill; Rev. A. W. Miller, and Daniel Coleman.

Concord, Unity (Rowan), Joppa, and Franklin, (Rowan) - Rev. J. D. Hall, and N. C. Oliphant.

Monroe, Lemly's, New Hope, and Goshen - Rev. J. N. Pexton, and Wm Reaves.

Third creek, and Olney - Rev. W. H. Moore, and J. H. Hamilton.

Hopewell, and Rocky creek - Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. and J. W. Osborne.

Salisbury, Rheims' creek, and Swennanoa - Rev. J. Lacy, D.D. and D. A. Caldwell.

Prospect, Poplar Tent, and Bethpage - Rev. Thos E. Davis, and Wm R. B. Adams.

Siloam, Marion, and Bruceville - Rev. E. D. Junkin, and J. L. McCarty.

Lebanon, Long creek, and Dallas - Rev. J. C. Alexander, and W. R. Howard.

Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, and Duncan's creek - Rev. J. J. Penick, and Theophilus Cannon.

Sugar creek, Asheville, and Hendersonville - Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Fielding Watts.

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Providence, Sharon, and Taylorsville - Rev. W. S. Rhea and W. R. Semple.

Fourth creek, and Bethesda - Rev. A. Baker, and Thos B. Rice.

Concord Town, and Morganton - Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and J. W. Moore.

Hiwassee, Ebenezer, and Franklin, (Macon co.) - Rev. W. Welton, and Wm Ruffner.

Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and Fifth creek - Rev. R. H. Lafferty and Wm Rea.

Bethany, Tabor, and Bethel - Rev. B. L. Beall, and W. C. Moore.

Thyatira, Back creek, Salem, and Wilkesboro - Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. and R. C. Wilson.

Committee to examine the Minutes of Synod, and bring to the notice of Presbytery any matter claiming its action: Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. Rev. A. Baker, Messrs A. R. Erwin, and J. W. Osborne.

com on minutes of Synod.

Rev. A. W. Miller on Education Com.

Rev. A. W. Miller was appointed a member of the Education committee in the place of Rev. J. C. Rhea, D.D. removed.

Resignation of Rev. J. Frontis as Trustee of Female College, & Davidson College.

Letters from the Rev. J. Frontis, tendering his resignation as Trustee of the Female College, and also tendering his resignation as Trustee of Davidson College, were read: Whereupon his resignations were accepted.

Installation of Rev. E. D. Junkin over the church of Bethel.

The committee appointed to install Rev. E. D. Junkin over the church of Bethel reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that on the 6th day of Oct 1855 they met at Bethel church and installed Rev. E. D. Junkin, Pastor over said church, as directed by Presbytery, and in accordance with our form of Government. Rev. B. L. Beall preached the sermon from Gen. XXII. 18: and delivered the charge to the people, and the Rev. W. R. Rhea presided, proposed the constitutional questions, and delivered the charge to the Pastor.

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Installation of Rev. A. W. Miller over the church of Charlotte.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. A. W. Miller pastor of the church of Charlotte reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 24th day of Nov. 1855 they installed Rev. A. W. Miller pastor over the church of Charlotte — Rev. W. W. Hoss preached the sermon and presided, and the Rev. R. H. Lafferty delivered the charges to the Pastor and people.

Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Education.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty and J. W. Osborne, Esq., were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Rev. L. C. Vass, late Treasurer of the Education Committee.

A letter from Rev. M. T. Allen with reference to Mr. Smith was referred to the Education committee.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear reports from Pastors and Sessions respecting the discharge of their reciprocal duties, and also to hear the statistical reports.

Ruling Elder absent in Pres.

Mr. C. T. Alexander, Ruling Elder from Sharon Church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for 12 o'clock M. to elect Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock for fixing the place and time of the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Report of Trustees of Female College.

The Report of the Trustees of the Female College was read, and accepted, and is as follows, viz:

The Trustees of the Female College would respectfully report to Presbytery that during the year just ended some light and also some shades crossed their pathway in prosecuting the arduous and important work committed to them —

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Our building as you all know was rapidly going on to completion during the last summer, and was suddenly leveled almost to the ground by a wise and inscrutable Providence — And while we endeavoured to humble ourselves under this stroke from the hand of our Heavenly Father, we looked upon it, as is often the case, as sent to try our faith. The loss incurred by this catastrophe was shared in part by by the contractor, Mr. Conard, and in part by the Trustees. It affords us pleasure however, to be able to state that the citizens of Statesville voluntarily subscribed enough, under the emergency to meet the loss incurred by the Trustees. The Board after this entered into new articles of agreement with the contractor, and in order to meet the views of some brethren, and for other reasons, they thought it best to lessen the dimensions of the building nearly one fourth — the fourth story — to a cost of $6000. Even yet bound after the building shall have been furnished and all things else arranged, we shall be several thousand dollars in debt.

The exercises of the Institution, we are happy to state have opened under very favourable auspices, quite a respectable number of pupils have come in for a beginning. When our second session shall begin however, and when the building shall be done (in time for the second session) we confidently look for a large increase. Indeed we already know of a large number expecting to come at that time. Our Principal has made quite a favourable impression, and judging of the future by the past, we believe that there

Report of Trustees of Rock College continued.

is no doubt that general satisfaction will be given in time to come. This Institution commends itself to the personall regard of Presbytery from the consideration that it is the offspring of the church. It is the first born of the Presbyterian church within the limits of our state. In the good providence of that being to whom the treasuries of the universe belongeth holds the hearts of all men in his hands an Institution for the education of our sons is placed (as we trust) upon a firm foundation. With the blessing of heaven resting upon the united and vigorous efforts of the friends of learning and religion, we will soon have an Institution for the Education of our Daughters such as the interest of the church and the wants of the age demand. But in order to secure this desirable object, it will be needful for each one interested in this enterprize cheerfully to afford all practical and necessary aid by individual influence, prayer and pecuniary contributions until this Institution becomes a fountain of learning and piety from which shall issue many streams to make glad the city of our God.

The time for which E. F. Rockwell, J. A. Allison, and P. H. Dalton, were appointed to act as Trustees has now expired it is the duty of this body to fill their places.

(Signed)

Trustees.

call from Steele creek and Pleasant Hill for J. D. Parks.

A call from the united churches of Steele creek, and Pleasant Hill, for the pastoral services of Mr. J. D. Parks, was read, and being in due form was placed in

the hands of Mr. Parks for consideration.

calls from Bethany and Tabor for Mr. Knoles, which he did he accept.

Calls from the united churches of Bethany and Tabor for the pastoral services of Mr. B. S. Knoles were read, and being in due form they were put into the hands of Mr. Knoles for consideration: whereupon he signified his acceptance of the calls.

call from Ramah for Rev. W. S. Shaw, which he accepts.

A call from the church of Ramah for one half of the pastoral services of Rev. W. S. Shaw was read, and ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration; whereupon he declared his willingness to accept the call.

Com. of arrangement for the installation of Rev. W. S. Shaw, and ordination and installation of Mr. Knoles appointed.

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. S. Shaw pastor of the church of Ramah; and for the ordination of Mr. Knoles, and his installation over the churches of Bethany and Tabor if the way be clear. The following persons were appointed said committee viz: Rev. H. R. Cunningham, D.D., Rev. W. S. Shaw, and Thos. R. Price.

Ruling Elder appears in place.

Mr. B. H. Garrison, Ruling Elder from the church of Mallard creek appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Report of com. on examining Mr. Burkhead.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Burkhead on his classical and scientific studies reported that they had fulfilled the duty assigned them, and recommend that his examination be sustained. This report was adopted.

A member appears in Presbytery.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance, and took his seat.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. W. L. Moore obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after this morning.

Leave of absence after to-day was granted to Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., and Messrs. L. Craig, W. A. Howard, and Wm. Flowers, Ruling Elders.

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Report of Domestic Missionary Committee.

Presbytery proceeded to the standing order of the day for 11 o'clock A.M. viz: to hear the report of the committee on Domestic Missions, which was read by the committee's corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D., and after several interesting addresses on this subject, it was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee of Domestic Missions present to Presbytery the following Report.

During the last year Eight Missionaries have been employed and located in the following fields of labor.

1st Rev. W. C. Sutton at Lebanon Church in Anson co. This is a small church, and although aided for many years by the Board, has but little prospect of sustaining itself. A small Sabbath school has been kept up part of the year, and a class of adult persons examined on the Confession of Faith. Two persons added to the church on examination. Mr. Suttons Commission dates from Jan. 1st 1855 to Jan. 1st 1856, to the amount of One Hundred Dollars.

2d Rev. James E. Morrison has received a commission for the present year at Waxhaws. Considerable anxiety has long been manifested by some of the inhabitants of this village for Presbyterian preaching. Repeated efforts have been made by the committee to supply them. At present they are indulging the hope of a church being organized of some 20 or 25 members. Mr. Morrison is to receive One Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

3d Rev. Thos. E. Davis labors at Little Britain, Rutherfordton, and Duncans creek. Two Sabbath schools, and two Bible

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classes are reported - also a class on the Shorter Catechism. Seven additions to the church - 5 of these were in Rutherfordton, members of influence, adding much to the strength of the church. Mr. Davis' commission dates from May 1st 1855 to May 1st 1856, to the amount of Fifty Dollars.

4th Rev. Thos. K. Poxton supplies the churches of Marion, Gilboam, and Drusilla in McDowell county.

The faithful labors of this Missionary were suspended part of the year from delicate health - since Nov. he has been able to preach. The Sabbath schools and classes for instruction on the Confession of Faith have been kept up. One addition to the church at Marion. This Missionary field has sustained a great loss in the death of one of its most efficient and liberal Elders Mr. A. L. Erwin - Mr. Poxton receives aid to the amount of Eighty Dollars, and his Commission dates from Aug. 15th 1855 to Aug. 15th 1856.

5th Rev. D. Chapman labors at Asheville and Hendersonville. In Asheville the cause of true godliness and scriptural church order is reported as decidedly on the advance. The congregations are large and solemn. The weekly Lectures and Prayer meetings are well attended. The Sabbath School is flourishing. Much preparatory work is here to be done and many difficulties to be encountered, but the church seems to be united and hoping for days of great prosperity. D. Chapmans Commission dates from May 1st 1855 to May 1st 1856 for the sum of Two Hundred Dollars.

6th Rev. W. K. Morrison has labored part of his time during the year at Flat creek and other destitute places in Buncombe county. Good attention to the means of grace is reported.

Two classes for Bible instruction. Mr. Morrison is to receive $50, and his commission extends from May 1st to May 1st 1856.

7th Rev. Wm S. Moore occupies the county of Macon and preaches most of his time to the churches of Ebenezer and Franklin. A new and commodious house of Worship has nearly been completed in Franklin. Three members have been added to the church of Franklin, and one to that of Ebenezer during the year.

Family visitation, Sabbath school and Bible class instruction have been attended to, with the hope of good results. Mr. Moore receives aid to the amount of Two Hundred Dollars, and is commissioned from Nov 1st 1855 to Nov 1st 1856.

8th Rev. John E. McPherson labors as a Missionary in the county of Cherokee. His places of Preaching are Hiwassee, Shooting creek, Turquitine, Murphy, and Valley River.

The church of Hiwassee is the only one in the county. A Sabbath school and prayer meeting are reported – no additions to the church. Mr. McPherson receives aid to the amount of Two Hundred Dollars and his commission dates with the year.

Nearly all our Missionary Brethren seem united in one sentiment – deeply deploring the low state of piety and the want of liberality in supporting the institutions of Religion. They appear to have labored with fidelity and much self denial, but it is evident that the reviving influences of God's Spirit are greatly needed in our Missionary fields.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 11 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of Mr. L. L. Stewart preparatory to licensure; and that immediately after recess on Monday be the order of the day to hear the trial sermon of Mr. J. C. Stewart preparatory to licensure.

Election of commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery took up the order of the day for 12 o'clock, viz; electing Commissioners to the General Assembly; whereupon Rev. Messrs. W. W. Hoard, S. B. O. Wilson, together with Ruling Elders, Messrs. A. B. Davidson, and D. A. Caldwell, were appointed Principals; and Rev. P. J. Pezick, Rev. A. Baker, Messrs. A. L. Cummings and L. A. Davis, were appointed Alternates.

Place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery.

The order of the day for 4 o'clock this afternoon was taken up, viz; to choose the place and time of the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, when it was Resolved – That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Statesville on the 1st Wednesday in Nov. next at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Report of com. on Sessional records.

The committee appointed to examine the sessional records of Steele creek, Pleasant Hill, and Rocky River churches presented their report, and recommended that said records be approved as far as written. This report was adopted.

Leave of absence granted.

Daniel Coleman, Mr. Irwin, Wm Rea, and J. B. Price, Ruling Elders, obtained leave of absence.

Rev. D. Lacy, D. D, and Rev. E. F. Rockwell, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.

Mr. James Andrews, Ruling Elder, obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

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After recess.

Order of the day. Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the Devotional Exercises.

Reports of committees on Sessional records. It was Resolved - That Presbytery will now hear the reports of the different committees on Sessional records, when the reports were made, and the exceptions entered in the books reviewed.

The records of Olney, Centre, and Duncans creek, not reported.

Leave of absence granted. Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D. obtained leave of absence until Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Report of com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Education com. The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. J.C. Rhea, D.D late Treasurer of the Education committee presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Education committee would report, That it appears from the records kept by the Treasurer that there came into his hands during the year 1855-1856 the sum of six hundred and forty eight Dollars and forty six cts. ($648.46), that he has disbursed in behalf of beneficiaries of the church two hundred seventy six Dollars and forty cts. - That there remains due from him the sum of three hundred and eight two Dollars and six cts. ($382.06). Of this sum there are notes due from various individuals to whom the funds appear to have been loaned, and which notes they believe to be solvent - amounting to three Hundred and seven seven Dollars and nine-

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teen cts. ($377.19) - there is 25 cts in cash of the funds - $4.62½ cts. for which there is no vouchers.

(Signed) J.W. Osborne, Chairman of com.

Reciprocal reports from pastors and sessions. The hour for the order of the day having arrived; viz; hearing reciprocal reports from pastors and sessions, and reading statistical reports, Presbytery took up this business, when the roll was called, and each minister and Elder was called on to report.

Rev. J.L. Hall ordered to procure a correct statistics of Goshen & New Hope. The statistical report from the churches of Goshen and New Hope being very imperfect, Rev. J.L. Hall was ordered to procure said statistical report, and hand it to the Stated clerk.

Leave of absence granted. J.W. Osborne, Esq. Ruling Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Report of com. to make arrangements for ordination & installation of Mr. B.S. Kneiss. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. B.S. Kneiss presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz; That when Presbytery adjourn it do so to meet at the church of Bethany on Friday before the 4th Sabbath of April, for the purpose, if the way be clear, to ordain Mr. B.S. Kneiss and install him over the churches of Bethany and Tabor; and that Rev. S.B.O. Wilson preside and preach the sermon; that Rev. T.H. Dalton deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. J.C. Alexander the charge to the people: And that Rev. A. Baker be alternate to Rev. S.B.O. Wilson, Rev. W.W. Hurst alternate to Rev. T.H. Dalton, and Rev. E.D. Junkin be alternate to Rev. J.C. Alexander.

The following text was assigned to Mr. B.S. Kneiss for his trial sermon preparatory to ordination, Rom. III. 20.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Monday morning, April 14th 1856.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read.

Report of com. to visit Concord church.

The committee appointed at the last semi-annual meeting to inquire into the condition of things in Concord church presented their report, which was laid on the table for the present, and is as follows, viz;

The committee ordered to visit Concord church respectfully report, that the duty has been but partially discharged owing in part to the illness of the chairman, in part to their expectation of the return of Brother H. V. Hart, whose piety, prudence, wisdom, and personal influence we had hoped would have left nothing for the committee to do; and in part to the opinion that the presence of the brother who had been their stated supply was the only impediment to a disturbance in existence, and would soon be removed by his seeking another field. In these expectations we have been disappointed. Brother Allen is still boarding within their limits and preaching at private houses within their bounds, though not in their church, and without actual presence in the congregation, are satisfied that sermons affecting the character and usefulness of Brother Allen and the interests and honor of religion demand immediate investigation. (Signed) W. W. Hart,
T. A. Allison,
S. R. C. Wilson
} Com.

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Interlocutory meeting.

It was Resolved That Presbytery will now hold an interlocutory meeting for the purpose of considering more fully the state of things in the church of Concord; Whereupon Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

Presbytery met after recess in the session house. After the members of Presbytery had freely exchanged and expressed their views respecting the subject before them, it was Resolved That

Com. appointed to investigate charges against Rev. W. T. Allen.

a committee be appointed to investigate charges, brought by common fame against Rev. W. T. Allen, and to inquire into the extent to which witnesses to substantiate said charges can be obtained, and report at the adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Steele Creek. The following persons constitute the com. Rev. S. R. C. Wilson, Rev. T. H. Dalton, Mr. Thos. A. Allison, Mr. Fielding Watts, and Dr. John McClelland.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Trial sermon of Mr. S. L. Stewart.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. S. L. Stewart preparatory to his licensure which he preached from Rev. XXII. 17: the text previously assigned.

Corresponding member.

Rev. J. M. P. Atkinson of the Presbytery of Baltimore, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member; and on motion he was heard by Presbytery on the subject of his mission; viz; the building a house for public worship in the city of Washington, D.C.

Resolutions respecting the church at Washington City.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted; viz;

1. Resolved That this Presbytery have listened with interest to the statements made by the Rev. J. M. P. Atkinson in relation

Resolutions respecting Church in Washington city.

to the church proposed to be erected in Washington city, by recommendation of the General Assembly, and hereby express this willingness to co-operate for the accomplishment of this important object with the various churches of our Denomination throughout the Land.

2d Resolved. That we will cordially welcome to our pulpits and recommend to the kind attention of our people, and to their liberality, the General Agent appointed for this purpose, or any other who acting under his directions, shall visit our churches.

3d Resolved. That the Pastor and sessions of the churches within our bounds, will take up collections in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. J. C. Stewart from II. Cor. VII 1.

Mr. G. D. Parks accepts the calls from Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

Mr. G. D. Parks signified to Presbytery his willingness to accept the call from the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill; Whereupon it was Resolved. That this Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Steele creek Church on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in June at 11 o'clock A. M. for the purpose, if the way be clear, of ordaining and installing Mr. G. D. Parks over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill. — That Rev. S. Williamson preside, and give the charge to the pastor — Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D. preach the sermon, and Rev. A. W. Miller give the charge to the people — And that Rev. R. H. Lafferty be alternate to Rev. S. Williamson, D. D., Rev. E.

Arrangements for Mr. Parks' ordination and installation.

D. Junkin be alternate to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D. and that Rev. J. J. Renick be alternate to Rev. A. W. Miller: And that Rom. V. 1. be assigned to Mr. Parks as the subject of his trial sermon.

Report of Com. on the installation of Rev. W. S. Rhea over the church of Ramah.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. S. Rhea over the church of Ramah presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows viz;

Resolved. That the Friday before the 2d Sabbath in Aug. be the time for the installation of Rev. W. S. Rhea over the church of Ramah. That Rev. D. Lacy, D. D. preside and preach the sermon, and deliver the charge to the Pastor; and the Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D. deliver the charge to the people. That the Rev. S. Williamson, D. D. be alternate to Rev. D. Lacy, D. D.; and that Rev. W. W. Rhea be alternate to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D.

(Signed) W. S. Rhea, H. B. Cunningham, } Com. Thos. B. Price.

Examination of J. S. Stewart and J. C. Stewart.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Messrs. J. S. Stewart and J. C. Stewart, with a view to their licensure. Having been examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government, their examination was, on motion, sustained.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. R. C. Wilson, Ruling Elder, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for a Female College.

The committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College made a report which was adopted, and is as follows: The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College recommend the following persons for Trustees, Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. P. W. Dalton, and Col. J. A. Allison and Rev. A. Baker to fill the vacancy occasioned by the

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resignation of Rev. S. Frontis.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College made their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz;
The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College would make the following nominations for the term of four years- Revs D. A. Penick, Rev J. D. Hall, Rev. A. L. Reall, Rev. A. Baker- Messrs. J. W. Osborne, W. L. Harris, C. L. Hunter, M.D., James G. Ramsay, M.D., and E. R. Gibson, M.D.- Also Rev. A. W. Miller in the place of Rev. J. E. Morrison, resigned, Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. in the place of Rev. J. C. Pharr, D.D.- Rev. Henry Lacy, D.D. in the room of Rev. S. Frontis, resigned. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr, Chairman of com.

Report presented and laid over for consideration.

The following preamble and Resolutions were presented and laid over for consideration to the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, viz;

Whereas the Pastoral office is recognized in the word of God, and in our book of Discipline as the first in the church, both for dignity and usefulness- For when God intended to bestow special favor upon his chosen people, among the first and chief of these, was that he would send them Pastors after his own heart, who would feed them with knowledge and understanding- The history of the church will establish the truth that the interest of Presbyterianism is closely identified with the maintenance of this relation, and the perpetuation of this scriptural office- But there are many churches in our land, and in the bounds of our Presbytery that have the gospel preached unto them

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years after year, without taking any steps to have the Pastoral relation established between themselves and those who minister to them in holy things, much against their own spiritual interest- Be it therefore

Resolved 1st- That any church within our bounds, which has had the gospel preached unto them for more than one year by the same minister, that the church and the stated supply be called upon at the next regular meeting of Presbytery to give the reasons why the necessary steps for constituting the Pastoral relation have not been taken-

Resolved 2d- That it be henceforth a standing rule with this Presbytery that whenever a minister has served a church for more than a year as a stated supply, the Presbytery shall inquire of both parties the reasons for not having the Pastoral relation established between them.-

Leave of absence granted.

The following members obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day; viz; Mr. Thos. H. Hamilton, Mr. Thos. A. Allison, J. G. Ramsay, M.D., Mr. F. Watts, Mr. Edmund Rice, and Rev. Thos. E. Davis-

Licensure of S. L. Stewart and J. C. Stewart.

It was Resolved- That the several parts of trial of Messrs. S. L. Stewart, and J. C. Stewart, together with their entire examination be, and they hereby are sustained, and that Presbytery will now proceed to license them to preach the gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry. Whereupon S. L. Stewart and J. C. Stewart were licensed according to the prescribed form in our Book.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Tuesday April 15th 1856
10 o'clock AM

Faculty met and was opened with prayer
The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected
The Secretary was ordered to pay to each of the Examining
Committee the sum of Seventy five cents ($.75)
The report of the Trustees of Davidson College to the Synod
was read and ordered to be placed upon the minutes
as follows viz.

To the Synod of Catawba having the care of Davidson College.

It is matter of sincere regret that the committee appointed at this time to prepare a report failed to fulfil their appointment and thereby prevented the Board from making at the appointed time to the Synod of Catawba. The same committee was reappointed with directions to prepare and present a report at the next meeting of the Board to be submitted to the Synod at their next annual session. The following report was submitted, & adopted by the Board. It exhibits the state and prospects of the College. As the only two members of the committee who were present at said meeting

The College is believed to be heartily in a prosperous condition with a growing prospect of increasing usefulness. The President and four Professors are now in active, and diligently engaged in imparting instruction.
And at the last meeting of the Board the Rev. Edward Hotchkiss was chosen to fill the vacant chair of

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Chemistry and Natural Science, which appointment Mr. Hotchkiss has accepted, and it is expected that he will be in place in time for the next Senior class. The Mathematical department has been already furnished with the necessary instruments for Mathematical illustrations and experiments. An order too has been passed, and an appropriation made to procure a Chemical and Philosophical apparatus. And although valuable accessions have been made to the College Library with the donations for that purpose of the Rev. W. H. Foote, D.D. (whose worthy example, it is hoped will be followed by others both laymen and clergymen) it is expected greatly to enlarge the Library, as soon and as fast as the funds of the Institution will justify.

The number of students connected with the College during the last scholastick year is 83. of whom 79 are in actual attendance. The number is increasing, however, and at such a rate, as to render it difficult to furnish suitable accommodations, and to make it very obvious that early provisions will be indispensable for an increase of accommodations.

Although a few cases of discipline have occurred, the students are believed to be generally, and more and more, orderly and subordinate, studious and moral in their habits, and promising of future usefulness. Of their number twenty two are professors of religion, and of these, twelve are looking forward, more or less hopefully, to the gospel ministry, as their future profession. The pious students conduct a weekly prayer meeting, which is occasionally attended by some member of the Faculty, and generally by some 30 or 35 of the students. And the tone of an elevated publick sentiment, a sound morality, and an evangelical piety, it is

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read, and corrected.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay to each of our Commissioners to the next General Assembly the sum of $50—

Report of Trustees of the College to the Presbyteries.

The report of the Trustees of Davidson College to the Presbyteries was read, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and is as follows: viz;

To the Presbyteries having the care of Davidson College—

It is matter of sincere regret, that the com. which was appointed in Sacy. last to prepare a report, failed to fulfill their appointment, and thereby prevented the Board from sending up an official report to the Presbyteries. The same committee however was reappointed with directions to prepare and forward a report although not previously submitted to the Board. The following, therefore, is respectfully submitted, as the report of the Board—touching the state and prospects of the college—by the only two members of the committee that have had access to each other).

The College is believed to be decidedly in a prosperous condition—with a growing prospect of increasing usefulness. A President and four Professors are now in employ, and diligently engaged in imparting instruction. And at the last meeting of the Board Mr. W. Reed, an additional Professor was chosen to fill the vacant chair of

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confidently hoped is generally improving. The standard too of Scholarship is thought to be looking up.

The Gospel is preached in the Chapel every Sabbath by the President of the College, and devotional and critical exercises on the scriptures by the Rev. Professor Rockwell. Besides there, morning and evening prayers are conducted every day during the week all of which the students are expected to attend.

It might not be amiss to state that the financial condition and prospects of the Institution, though somewhat perplexed at present, are nevertheless regarded as presenting decidedly an encouraging aspect. The permanently invested funds amount, at present, to about $ 68.000. In addition to this, the Board holds various original subscriptions which, it is believed will be available, amounting to about $12.000. The munificent legacy of Mr. N. Chambers, dec'd will, without doubt, make the available funds of the institution equal to, at least, $ 200.000. In regard to the overplus of this last amount, equally bequeathed to the College by Mr. Chambers, there is some possible uncertainty; inasmuch as it has very unexpectedly become a matter of legal investigation, and must be one of legislative enactment. Upon this subject, however, the Board of Trustees and numerous friends of the College are so sanguine as to feel assured, that the intention of so clearly constructed a last will and Testament, and of so liberal a benefactor of Education in his native state, cannot fail of being carried fully into effect. For the safe, economical, and most effective management of these funds, the Board feels a deep and growing responsibility.

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Although the continued high price of the means of living has rendered it necessary slightly to increase the rates of boarding, it is the desire and purpose of the Board to keep the necessary expenses of Students at Davidson at the lowest point practicable, and at an early day, to make special provisions for assisting indigent students of intellectual and moral promise.

Upon the whole, the Presbyteries and friends of Davidson College have many and strong reasons for encouragement and thankfulness to God, in view of the almost unparalleled success which has crowned their efforts. Their early and often offered prayers and contributions, in the days of Davidson's infancy and adversity, it may be emphatically said, have not been in vain. They have inspired public confidence, and God has raised up friends of large munificence, and benevolent hearts. Not have the prayers of those who founded the Institution failed of a gracious answer. Let its friends, therefore, whilst they give to God all the praise for what has been accomplished, be still more fervent in prayer to Him, that Davidson College may ever be a rich and pure fountain of healthy influences for the country, and an abundantly fruitful nursery, for all time to come, of pious and able ministers of the Gospel for the church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

March 29th 1856. } (Signed) D. A. Penick, Chairman of com.

Overture from the church of Siloam.

The following overture from the Session of Siloam church was laid before Presbytery, viz:

Has a member of the church a right to withdraw from the church? Or has a session a right to strike the name of a member of the church from the

roll of church members, or dismiss him to the world without the infliction of censure?

It was Resolved- That this overture be and it hereby is answered in the Negative.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds for the General Assembly presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows; viz;

Narrative on the state of religion.

After a careful examination of the reports of our ministers, and church sessions, we find much cause for gratitude to God, for his goodness, in sustaining and sparing the lives, and health of his servants, and in giving tokens of his presence, by the power of the Holy Spirit shed forth in many of our churches at the same time we are humbled in the dust on account of our remissness in duty, and the evident growth of worldliness, which is too manifest around us.

It is matter of regret, that in a field so interesting as ours- occupied so long by the Presbyterian church, that there should be so many destitute places, that while the field is so white for the harvest, there should be so few laborers to enter it, to thrust in the sickle. Attempts have been made to remedy these defects, but with little success, owing doubtless, to the want of vigorous effort on the part of Presbytery, and a firm reliance on the promises of God.

It is also a cause of humiliation, and heart

Narrative continued.

searching, that we see so little fruit resulting from the regular and faithful preaching of the word: the gospel is preached with fidelity, but in too many instances it is not mixed with faith in them that hear it. This however is not universal; joyful tidings have reached us that a goodly number of churches, have been, and are now enjoying precious seasons of grace- Several churches that have been for years dwindling in zeal and numbers, have been recently revived, and strengthened, and instead of wearing the aspect of decline, and death, they show signs of life, and activity, not only in their spirit of devotion, but in building new, and more enlarged houses of worship.

We are happy further to state, that our people are waking up to the duty of supporting the gospel; the salaries of our ministers have been in many instances increased, a relief which gives to the ministry greater efficiency, being freed from worldly cares and avocations. Our churches have given pleasing accounts of the Bible classes. Sabbath Schools, and Prayer meetings that are sustained, and enjoyed in a majority of them. We believe also, that systematic benevolence, is daily growing into a system, the Pastors have been more faithful in presenting the claims of the Boards, and our people, have made a corresponding advance in the grace of giving.

Thus in reviewing our religious condition, we are led to mourn while we rejoice; we lament over our short comings as a Presbytery; and we rejoice that we have so many evidences of the Saviours presence walking in the midst of the candle-sticks. "Turn us again O God of Hosts, cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved."

(Signed) A. Baker, Chairman of Comm.

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Stated clerk's account. The Stated clerk presented his account, which the Treasurer was ordered to pay.

Resolution refusing to restore Mr. J. W. Freeman. The following resolution relative to the petitions to restore Mr. J. W. Freeman to the office of the Gospel ministry was adopted; viz;

Resolved. That while Presbytery deeply sympathize with Mr. Freeman and his afflicted and worthy family, and have all confidence in the honest and christian feelings of the Petitioners. Yet a solemn conviction of duty in regarding the peace and purity of the church constrain them to refuse granting the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Report of com. on supplies. The committee on supplies presented their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Rev. W. L. Pharr to spend one Sabbath at Bethpage.
Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Rev. E. D. Jenkins, administer the Lords Supper at Taylorsville.
Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. and Rev. R. H. Lafferty .. .. Providence.
Rev. J. Frontis one Sabbath at discretion.
Rev. D. A. Penick a part at Marion.
Rev. J. C. Morrison one Sabbath at Monroe
Rev. J. S. Hall, and Rev. B. L. Harris, administer Lords Supper at Concord Ch.
Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. & Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. .. .. .. Philadelphia.
Rev. A. Baker, and Rev. W. C. Mentz .. .. Lenoir.
Rev. B. L. Beall, and Rev. A. W. Miller, ... Sharon.
Rev. J. D. Parks spend one Sabbath at Dallas.
Rev. B. L. Harris spend one Sabbath at Wilkesboro.
Mr. J. C. Kennedy spend one Sabbath at each of the following places; Bethlehem, Dallas, Wilkesboro, and Taylorsville.
Rev. Thos. E. Sevier one Sabbath at Siloam.
Rev. J. C. Alexander one Sabbath at Third creek.
Mr. J. Stevenson one Sabbath at Philadelphia, and one at Concord Ch.
Mr. J. C. Stevenson one Sabbath at Shiloh, and one at Lenoir.

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Rev. D. A. Penick one Sabbath at discretion.
Rev. B. L. Beall one Sabbath at discretion. Providence.
Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. one Sabbath at Sharon.
Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. one Sabbath at Poplar Tent.

It was Resolved. That the Stated clerk be ordered to purchase 500 copies of blank sessional reports, and pay for them out of the Treasury of the Presbytery, and that they be distributed among the various sessions of our churches as needed.

The pastoral relation between Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and the church of Hopewell was dissolved at the united request of Pastor and people, and said church declared vacant.

The com. appointed at a previous meeting of Presbytery (see page 29) to report on the reading and instruction in the Holy Scriptures in Davidson College and the Female College, presented their report, which being read was laid on the table until the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved. That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Hopewell for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of Presbytery.

It was Resolved. That the Stated clerk be ordered to have an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting published in the Presbyterian, and Central Presbyterian.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethany church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in April at 11 o'clock, A.M. Closed with singing the Doxology, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

R. N. Davis, Mod'r.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. J. Lindley, J. C. Morrison, W. L. Morrison, M. J. Allen, W. C. Sutton, W. C. Mentz, —

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches	Post Office.
W. S. Pharr, P.	Mallard creek, P. & Ramah, P.	Parks' Store, Cabarrus Co. N.C.
R. H. Morrison, D.D. S.S.	Unity (Lincoln) P. & Macksfield, S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.
S. Williamson, M.D.	Hopewell, V.	Alexandriana, N.C.
S. Frontis, S.S.	Centre, S.S.	Mount Mourne, N.C.
D. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
D. Lindley, F.M.	Bethlehem, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa,
Thos. L. Johnston, N.C.	Concord, P. & Shiloh, V.	Jackson, Tenn.
J. E. Morrison, S.M.	Monroe, P. & Lenoir, V.	Wadesboro, N.C.
J. D. Hall, S.S.	Goshen, & New Hope, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Third creek, P. & Fifth creek, S.S.	Rowan Mills, N.C.
Wm. N. Morrison, N.C.	Rheims Creek, P. & Swannanoa, V.	Asheville, N.C.
W. L. Cunningham, M.D.	Paw Creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.
M. L. Allen,	Salem, S.S.	Statesville, N.C.
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Taylorsville, P. & Wilkesboro, V.	Davidson College, N.C.
J. E. McPherson, M.D.	Hiwassee, S.S.	Fort Hembree, N.C.
W. W. Pharr, P.	Poplar Tent & Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N.C.
J. N. Lapsley, S.M.	Marion, Siloam, & Trusilla, S.S.	Marion, N.C.
W. C. Sutton, S.S.	Lebanon, S.S.	Mooresville, N.C.
Thos. E. Davis, S.M.	Rutherfordton, Little Britain, & Duncan's creek, S.S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
R. N. Davis, S.S.	Lincolnton, & Long creek, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.
J. H. Dalton, P.	Fourth Creek, & Bethesda, P.	Statesville, N.C.
J. J. Penick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N.C.

for the year closing April 15th 1856.

Thirty two Ministers, and have under their care 62 Churches, 5 Licentiates, and 6 Candidates.

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Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
B. L. Beall, W. C.	Philadelphia, P.	Salisbury, N. C.
W. C. Shertz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N. C.
W. S. Moore, S. M.	Ebenezer, & Franklin, S. S.	Franklin, N. C.
S. C. Alexander, P.	Thyatira, & Back creek, P.	Miranda, Rowan co. N. C.
A. W. Miller, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
Drury Lacy, Ed. Rev.	College Church, S. S.	Davidson College, N. C.
E. D. Junkin, P.	Prospect & Bethel, P.	Davidson College, N. C.
R. H. Chapman, V. D. M.	32 Asheville, S. S.	Asheville, N. C.
Licentiates 5.		
R. S. Reid, Licent.	Bethany, & Tabor, P. C.	Bethany, Iredell co. N. C.
J. C. Kennedy,	Hendersonville, S. S.	Charlotte, N. C.
G. D. Parks, L. C.	Steele creek, & Pleasant Hill, P. C.	White Hall, N. C.
L. L. Stewart,	Providence, V. & Sharon, V.	Statesville, N. C.
J. C. Stewart,	Olney, V. & Valley, V.	Statesville, N. C.
Candidates 6.	Unity (Rowan) Joppa, & Franklin, S. S. 62.	

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3 Licensures, 2 Ordinations, 3 Installations, and 2 Pastoral Relations Dissolved since the last report.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 15th 1856

Bethany Church, Iredell co. N.C.
Friday, April 25th 1856.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. J. B. O. Wilson,	Messrs. James Adams,
" P. H. Dalton,	Fielding Watts,
" J. C. Alexander.	Jacob Knight,
	Sebastian Gaither,
	Wm. F. Coreen.

Rev. J. B. O. Wilson was appointed Moderator, and Rev. J. C. Alexander temporary clerk.

B. L. Knight passes his trial sermon preparatory to his ordination.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will now proceed to hear the trial sermon of Mr. B. L. Knight, with a reference to his ordination.

After sermon Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

B. L. Knight examined.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the examination of Mr. B. L. Knight. His examination was suspended, and Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock P.M. to meet at the house of Mr. Wm. Allison's.

After recess.

B. L. Knight's examination sustained, and Presbytery resolves to ordain him.

Presbytery met. It was Resolved. That the sermon, and entire examination of Mr. B. L. Knight be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial preparatory to ordination; and that Presbytery will proceed to ordain him on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A.M. and to install him over the churches of Bethany and Tabor.

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Report of com. to investigate rumors respecting Rev. M. T. Allen.

The Committee appointed to investigate the rumors against the ministerial character and standing of the Rev. M. T. Allen, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to visit Concord church to enquire into rumors affecting the ministerial character and usefulness of Rev. M. T. Allen, a member of this Presbytery, respectfully report, that they met in that congregation, and called upon individuals to whom they were directed for information.

The offences charged are of that class designated by our discipline Chapter III. page 457 & 8 as notorious and scandalous, as that no private steps would obviate their injurious effects; as in section fourth, no previous steps are necessary, we believe this judicatory is bound to take immediate cognizance of this affair. These Rumors do specify particular sins, they are widely spread, they seem permanent and increasing, and the standing of the persons testifying, with attendant circumstances furnish strong presumption of truth, so that under all the restraints of caution and Christian prudence we feel constrained to present the points to which individuals profess to testify under the following heads.

1st. That the accused manifests a vindictive and unchristian spirit, first, towards the Missionary committee, and members of the Presbytery. Witnesses. Mrs. S. Stevenson, Mrs. T. Hill, Mrs. J. H. and W. L. Stephenson.

Secondly. Towards Concord congregation after declining to employ him. Witnessed by Language to J. H. Stevenson.

Thirdly. Towards individuals proved by conduct and expressions before committee and Letter.

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2 Head- Unbecoming familiarity with females. Proved first by his intercourse with Ellen Dorcas Erwin, confirmed by evidence of Andrew and James Erwin.

Secondly- By behaviour and conversation with Miss Weston, her own statement, and that of Mrs. Weston.

Thirdly- Treatment of Miss Harriet Somers, attested by herself, confirmed by acknowledgment to Dr. McClelland and his own questions.

Items under this head be almost indefinitely multiplied, witnesses Mrs. L. & family.

3 Head- Violence and attempted seduction evinced in case of Margaret Elizabeth Gibson, narrated by herself, supported by narration of her father, and sister Mrs. E. Morrison- Presence at time, place, and leaving with girl; proved by Mrs. Lewis and family.

(Signed) S. R. O. Wilson,
T. H. Dalton,
J. A. Allison,
Fielding Watts,
} Com.

It was Resolved- That initiatory steps to a judicial investigation of this matter be now taken, and that a committee be now appointed to prepare and table charges, and report at this meeting; whereupon Revs. Messrs. S. R. O. Wilson, T. H. Dalton, S. C. Alexander, and Messrs. Fielding Watts, and Jacob Snider, were appointed said committee. Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

S com. appointed to table charges against M. T. Allen

Saturday, April 26th 1856.

8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. The committee appointed to draw up charges against the Rev. M. T. Allen presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to table charges against the Rev. M. T. Allen would respectfully submit the following; viz:

Charges tabled against Rev. M. T. Allen.

Common Fame charges the Rev. M. T. Allen with conduct not only unbecoming in a christian, but highly derogatory to the character of a christian Minister, in the following particulars:

Charge I. A vindictive, unchristian and slanderous spirit.

(1.) Towards the Domestic Missionary Committee of Concord Presbytery. Witnesses- Mrs. L. Stephenson, Mr. Thos. Hill, J. H. Stephenson, W. L. Stephenson, W. J. A. McClelland, and Thos. S. Boyd.

(2.) Towards Concord congregation. Witnesses- J. H. Stephenson, Fielding Watts, and James Watts- Also Rev. M. T. Allen's letter to Rev. S. R. O. Wilson dated April 9th 1856.

(3.) Towards individuals. Treatment of Mrs. McRoy, James and Andrew Erwin, on April 22nd 1856, as established by J. A. Allison, or any member of the committee of investigation.

Charge II. Unbecoming and highly censurable familiarity with Females.

(1.) Proved by his conduct towards Ellen D. Erwin, and her sister in January and May 1855- Witnesses- Ellen D. Erwin, her sister, and James and Andrew Erwin.

(2.) Conduct and conversation to Miss Angeline Weston in Oct. or Nov. 1854. Witnesses- Her mother Mrs. Weston, and herself, viz: Miss Angeline Weston.

(3.) Treatment of Miss Harriet Somers, now Mrs. McRoy- Witnesses-

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Mrs. McRoy, acknowledgment of Rev. M. J. Allen to D. McLellan, and Mr. Allen's questions to Mrs. McRoy in the presence of the committee April 22d 1856.

Charge III. Violence upon and attempted seduction of Margaret Elizabeth Gibson in Oct. 1854, which has lately become flagrant. Substantiated by her father, Alfred Gibson, and her sister Mrs. E. Morrison. Mr. Allen's presence at the time and place, and leaving with the girl. Proved by Mrs. Lewis and family.

(Signed) S. B. O. Wilson, T. H. Dalton, S. C. Alexander, Jacob Roider. } Com.

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It was ordered, that a copy of the charges be placed in the hands of the accused, together with the names of witnesses, times, dates &c annexed, and that the Rev. M. J. Allen and Witnesses be cited to appear at Concord church on Tuesday May 27th 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at Bethany church at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

After recess.

Ordination of B. J. Roider.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the ordination services. Rev. S. B. O. Wilson preached the sermon, presided, and propos'd the constitutional questions to the candidate, and the congregations of Bethany and Tabor, which being answered in the affirmative, B. J. Roider was by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the work of the holy ministry, and installed Pastor of the united congregations

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of Bethany and Tabor; after which Rev. S. C. Alexander delivered a charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. T. H. Dalton delivered a charge to the people.

Rev. M. J. Allen appeared in Presbytery, and gave notice that he intended to protest and complain to the Synod of North Carolina, both in regard to the action of the committee appointed to investigate rumors in regard to his conduct, and also of the action of Presbytery in relation to the same matter.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Concord church, Iredell county, N. C. on Tuesday, May 27th 1856, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

S. C. Alexander, Temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

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Tuesday, May 27th 1856.
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer by the Modt.
Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Revs. Messrs. J. D. Hall,	
M. T. Allen,	
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
P. H. Dalton,	Messrs. S. R. Bell,
Wm. L. Sheetz,	W. S. Moore,
J. C. Alexander,	
R. H. Chapman, D.D.	A. T. Summey,
E. D. Junkin,	
	David Parks, Charlotte Mk.
	Wm. Morrison, Concord Mk.
	R. C. Wilson, Taylorsville Mk.
	Dr. J. A. McClelland, Shiloh Mk.
	Joseph Thompson, Salem Mk.
	L. Gaither, Tabor Mk.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of temporary clerks: whereupon Revs. E. D. Junkin, and Mr. A. T. Summey were elected.

Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the case of Rev. M. T. Allen on charges tabled against him at the last meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of 31 minutes.

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After recess.

candidate received under care of Pby.

Presbytery met. Mr. James Calvin Alexander, a member of Concord church, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives in seeking the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate.

com. of ex. appointed.

A committee, consisting of Revs. Messrs. J. D. Hall, R. H. Lafferty, E. D. Junkin, with Ruling Elders, W. S. Moore, and David Parks, was appointed to examine Mr. J. C. Alexander on his literary course.

judicial com.

A judicial committee, consisting of Revs. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D., R. H. Lafferty, P. H. Dalton, with Ruling Elders, S. R. Bell, and D. Parks, was appointed to prepare and arrange all the papers, and to prescribe under the direction of Presbytery the order of proceeding in the trial of Rev. M. T. Allen.

Com. to take depositions.

A committee, consisting of Revs. Messrs. P. H. Dalton, J. C. Alexander, with Ruling Elders, Dr. J. A. McClelland, and A. T. Summey, was appointed to take the depositions, during the day and until Presbytery meets to-morrow, of such witnesses as refuse to attend the trial of Rev. M. T. Allen, or who are not under the ecclesiastical control of this body.

Report of judicial com.

The judicial committee through its chairman, Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. made the following report as the order of proceeding in the trial of Rev. M. T. Allen, which was adopted, viz:
The committee appointed to arrange the papers &c. Recommend 1st. The admonition of the Modt. to the body, reminding them that they are about to sit as a court of Jesus Christ &c.
2d. The reading of the charges and Spec. to the accused, and his plea.

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3dly The presentation of the proof in support of the Charges.
4th The presentation of the proof in behalf of the accused.
5th The hearing of the prosecution.
6th The hearing of argument by the accused or Counsel.
7th The hearing of the Presbytery by calling the roll.
8th The vote ascertained by calling the roll, each member to state on each charge guilty or not guilty.
9th The Judgment of the body.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

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Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Report of com. to ex. J.C. Alexander.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. James Calvin Alexander on his literary course presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows:

The committee appointed to examine Mr. James C. Alexander on his Literary and Scientific course, report respectfully, that they have discharged that duty, and are prepared to recommend that the examination be sustained as a part of trial.

(Signed) J.B. Hall,
R.H. Lefferty,
E.A. Junkin,
W.L. Moore,
David Parks.

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Rev. M.T. Allen requested the services of Dr. J. A. McClelland, Ruling Elder, and a member of the Presbytery in aiding him in his defence. This request was granted.

Rev. P.H. Dalton was appointed on the part of Presbytery to conduct the prosecution under consideration.

Rev. B.L. Baird appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The case of Rev. M.T. Allen was taken up.

The Charges tabled against him were read to him, to which he pled, Not Guilty.

The Moderator then reminded the members of Presbytery that they were about to pass to judicial business, and charged them to bear in mind that they were sitting as a court of Jesus Christ.

Case of Rev. M.T. Allen taken up.

Charge I. was then taken up, viz: A vindictive, unchristian and slanderous spirit. First Specification: Towards the Domestic Missionary committee of Concord Presbytery. — Mr. Thos. Hill was qualified.

Mr. Hill's testimony.

Question. Do you remember having at any time heard Mr. Allen speak about the committee of Domestic Missions? Answer. Yes. he was at my house; I asked him how the people were getting along above where he come from. He said they were not getting along well; that they could not support a preacher, and that he had applied to Presbytery to aid him, and they denied him, and had treated him meanly, abruptly, contemptibly, and insignificantly; and that Dr. Morrison was at the head of it, naming also Rockwell, and Penick.

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Question. Do you remember him as saying having said they were a contemptible set, and beneath his notice?
Answer. He did; they were not worthy of notice, they had not treated him as he deserved, and that he did not regard them.
Quest. Do you from Mr. Allen's conversation feel justified in saying Mr. Allen villified the committee?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Did he manifest a vindictive and unchristian spirit?
Ans. I thought it a very unbecoming spirit. I regarded it as a very unchristian spirit especially as he was a member of Presbytery.
Ques. Did he exhibit a slanderous spirit?
Ans. I would have inferred so if I had been asked, and would now.

Cross Examination.

Ques. What led to this conversation?
Ans. I asked Mr. Allen what was the prospect of the churches up there as to their supporting a minister.
Ques. Did Mr. Allen give any reason why he spoke as he did?
Ans. He did not.
Ques. Did the occasion allow of giving reasons?
Ans. Certainly.
Quest. Was there any evidence that Mr. Allen came there to talk about the matter?
Ans. I do not know what he came there for.
Ques. Dont you know that Mr. Allen's manner and custom is to speak earnestly on any occassion whether for or

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against a person?
Ans. Yes, he speaks with too much earnestness.
Ques. Did Mr. Allen say anything of the wounds to his character in justification of his speaking as he did of that committee?
Ans. He said nothing of the wounds, but that they had withheld the missionary funds from him, or something to that effect.
Ques. Are you sure that Mr. Allen said that the committee had denied him the money unjustly, lowly, meanly, and insignificantly?
Ans. Yes, he did.
Ques. Are you sure that Mr. Allen said they were not worthy of notice?
Ans. Yes, I think he did. He had a string of long words, very strong terms.
Ques. Do you regard the language as villifying that committee?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Did you regard the language Mr. Allen used as showing a very unbecoming and unchristian spirit?
Ans. Yes I did.
Ques. Did you not know Mr. Allen to possess a high nervous temperament?
Ans. Yes, and he does not govern himself well.
Ques. Is he not known when thrown off his guard to be more excitable than many other people?
Ans. I suppose he is.
Ques. Did you think that his excitement proceeded from that cause?
Ans. I did not.
Ques. Is he not known every where to be a fast talker, in the Pulpit, and the family, and any where that he talks at all?

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M. T. Allen testi. Ans. Yes, he talks too much sometimes.
Ques. Does this part talking mark his preaching, public speaking, and every thing else?
Ans. No.
Ques. Did he threaten the committee?
Ans. No, it was nothing but his manner of conversation, tone of voice, and his language.
Ques. In what respect did he slander the committee?
Ans. In the strange terms he used. He said they were mean, poor, insignificent &c.
(Read to witness, and by him approved.)

J. H. Stephenson's testimony. J. Harvey Stephenson, qualified.
Ques. Did you ever hear Mr. Allen speak of the committee of Domestic Missions?
Ans. I never did, so far as I recollect.
Ques. Did you ever hear Mr. Allen speak in a disrespectful vindictive spirit of D. Morrison, Mr. Rockwell, W. W. Hoss, or E. J. Erwin?
Ans. I never did.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Has Mr. Allen been known to create any disturbance in these two congregations on this matter?
Ans. I dont know that I can say disturbance, but excitement.
Ques. To what extent was that disturbance?
Ans. I dont know that I can say definitely.
Ques. How many persons did you ever hear speak of that matter?
Ans. I think I have heard four persons speak of things which Mr. Allen told them concerning one or other of these gentlemen, there may have been more. (Read to Witness and approved.)

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Dr. J. A. McLelland's testimony. Dr. J. A. McLelland qualified.
Ques. Did you ever hear Mr. Allen speak of the com. of Domestic Missions?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Did he speak in a respectful, or disrespectful manner?
Ans. I dont know that I have ever heard him speak disrespectfully, except of Dr. Morrison. Just after Mr. Allen came down here, I heard him speak about the failure of Swannanoa and Rheims' creek churches, and other churches, being able to keep him; the reason those churches could not keep him was because they could not receive aid from the Domestic Missionary committee, and that this withholding aid was owing to wrong impressions made against him to that committee through certain sources.
Ques. Did he speak as if he had an unkind feeling towards that committee?
Ans. At that time I dont think he did.
Ques. Were you under the impression at that time that Mr. Allen had been badly treated?
Ans. The impression upon my mind derived from Mr. Allen, and Mr. Alexander, was that he had been. Mr. Allen's complaint was that the committee had written, not to the Elders of the church, but to Rev. Mr. Moore, who lived 80 miles beyond.
Ques. Did Mr. Allen make the impression on your mind that the committee had been partial?
Ans. Such an impression was made, but I am not certain whether by Mr. Allen or Gen. C. Alexander, the one confirming the other.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Did Mr. Allen charge corruption on that committee?

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Ans. He said corruption had been dealt out to him, but not intentionally, but on account of misrepresentations.

Ques. Do you know any thing of his manifesting a vindictive or unchristian spirit to any of the members of the committee?

Ans. None, but to D. Morrison; I may, but have no recollection now.

(Read to witness and approved.)

Mrs. Stephenson's testimony.

Mrs. Lydia Stephenson qualified.

Ques. Did you ever hear Mr. Allen speak of the committee of Domestic Missions, or of any member of it?

Ans. I think I have heard him speak very disrespectfully, especially of D. Morrison.

Ques. Was the impression made upon you that he manifested a vindictive and unchristian spirit?

Ans. I did think he manifested a very unchristian spirit.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Did Mr. Allen present you any reasons for speaking disrespectfully of them?

Ans. I dont recollect.

Ques. Did Mr. Allen give you a statement of the facts of their treatment of him which justified his speaking as he did?

Ans. I dont know certainly about that. He was disappointed in not receiving any money from them.

Ques. Has Mr. Allen been in the habit of making charges against people in your presence without giving some foundation?

Ans. He has been in the habit of making charges,

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I dont recollect his foundations.

Ques. Is not your memory, owing to age and afflictions, very treacherous at times?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Did you charge your memory particularly at the time with what he stated?

Ans. I did not at that time. I was dissatisfied with him for the way he was talking about them. I recollect my dissatisfaction clearly.

Ques. Did you believe that Mr. Allen would make grave charges against persons in office without having good reasons for doing so?

Ans. He might have thought he had cause, but I did not think he had good reasons. (Read to witness and approved.)

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess.

Mr. W. A. Wood introduced to Presbytery, and taken under its care.

Presbytery met. Mr. Wm. A. Wood, a member of Third creek church was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy Ministry.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, and T. H. Dalton, were appointed a committee to assign to Mr. W. A. Wood, and Mr. J. C. Alexander parts of trial, and report to Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the unfinished business: viz: the case of Mr. Allen. The accuser introduced witnesses to im-

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=peach the testimony of Mr. Thos Hill.

Mr. R. Woodside was qualified.

The Moderator propounded the questions.

Quer. Do you believe Mr. Hill to be a man of truth and veracity?

Ans. I do.

Quer. Would you believe him upon his oath?

Ans. Yes.

L. N. Alexander, sworn.

Quer. Do you believe Mr. Hill to be a man of truth and veracity?

Ans. I do.

Quer. Would you believe him on oath?

Ans. Certainly.

There being no further witnesses on this point, Presbytery proceeded to consider the 2d specification under charge 1st viz:

2d Spec. taken up.

A vindictive, unchristian, and slanderous spirit, towards Concord congregation.

The first item of testimony is a letter from Mr. Allen to Revd S. B. O. Wilson which he acknowledged having written, and is as follows; viz:

Letter of M. T. Allen.

Concord, April 9th 1856

Dear Bro. Wilson;

I hereby introduce to you Mr. B. B. Bryan, a member of the church of Salem. Mr. Bryan can give you, on propria persona, the Presbytery, a good deal of information concerning this malicious, diabolical, infernal assault, & endless series of assaults, upon my ministerial and private character made by the mendacious crew residing around me. He has made it his business to

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visit the house of the immortal heroine of this Munchausen narrative, or second edition of Gulliver's travels. He has gotten from her own mouth the whole Lilliputian story. He will freely communicate any and every thing he knows. He is well acquainted with the state of public sentiment on this whole subject. He is well known to Rev. Mr Beall, who was formerly pastor at Salem, to whom I refer both you and the Presbytery.

Affectionately yours,

(signed) M. T. Allen.

F. Watts testimony.

Fielding Watts, sworn.

Quer. Did you ever hear Mr Allen say any thing disrespectful, vindictive, and unchristian towards Concord church?

Ans. I have at my mill, shortly before Presbytery.

Quer. What were some of the expressions?

Ans. He said they were the most insignificent and low lifed people that he was ever among; he made some strong expressions against Mrs. Lydia Stephenson. He impeached her as not being a woman of truth. He traveled, as it were, from Brittain to Japan in conversation concerning different persons in Concord church.

Mr Allen censured for disrespect.

At this point the proceedings of Presbytery were suspended, and on motion, Revd M. T. Allen was censured for disrespect to Presbytery. Presbytery then proceeded with the unfinished business.

Quer. What took place at your second conversation with Mr Allen?

Ans. He asked me if I was going to Presbytery? I answered, I was. He alleged that the session was going to send charges to Presbytery against him. I told him that as a body they were not. He made a proposition not to say any thing about those things. He told me

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to keep my seat, and not open my mouth in Presbytery. I answered, I would not unless it became necessary from the report of the committee of Presbytery. He began to make threats, that he had charges against the members of Session, except King, and Morrison: he proposed burying the tomahawk. I said the session as a body, had no tomahawk. He said if I brought this thing out in Presbytery, it would be the dreadfullest time up in this part of Carolina. He said he was much of a Lion when he became exasperated. He had a cowhide in his hand, which he said would be used freely if the thing came to be investigated. I told him he had better let that alone - that the civil law would take hold of him - wild animals had been tamed before to-day. He appeared as if it was difficult to believe that the session, as a body, had no charges to carry up against him.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Who started that first conversation?

Ans. I did.

Ques. Dont you remember that for many months Mr. Allen and you had no intercourse with each other?

Ans. We had not talked with each other for some time.

Ques. Did you not know or believe there was very good reason for that?

Ans. I do not know what your reason was.

Ques. Did I not make as though I would go on my way, notwithstanding you seemed to desire the conversation?

Ans. You did not.

Ques. Was there any witness present?

Ans. There was not at first, but one after the conversation was

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about half through. I did not state that one tenth of them reports were not true. I asked Mr. Allen whether he thought it was right to go through the congregation and preach at private houses after he was voted out of the church. He did not answer immediately but asked if it was right for the session to rule the congregation, to vote him out?

Ques. Did Mr. Allen not say that as soon as Concord church procured a minister or stated supply he would yield the ground?

Ans. After a long round, I got the accused back to the question, and he answered that he would cease to continue preaching in the congregation.

Ques. Did Mr. Allen not make that unpleasant remark about the portion of the congregation who were prosecuting him as unmercifully?

Ans. There was, to the best of my recollection, no distinction made.

Mr. Allen repeatedly calling the witness a liar, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by Presbytery, viz:

Resolution for the prohibition of witness upon issue

Resolved - That as Mr. Allen will not cease to brand basely and call the witness a liar, and thus makes it impossible to carry on the examination, the testimony of the witness be closed.

The testimony was read to witness and by him affirmed.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. J. A. McLelland obtained leave of absence.

James Watts sworn.

J. Watts' testimony.

Ques. Did you ever hear Mr. Allen use improper language in regard to Concord congregation?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. What was it?

Ans. He said the reason we voted him out here, was that he preached the truth, and that there was some here who could not

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heard the truth.

Quer. Do you remember him saying any thing about the congregation of any of the members of it?

Ans. I heard him say he would have nothing more to do with W. R. Stephenson, and speak disrespectfully of him.

Quer. Did his language exhibit a vindictive, slanderous, and unchristian spirit?

Ans. It did. He used a heap of abuse. He said that if there was any money collected for Missionary purposes, he would not send it through Concord Presbytery, my inference was, that he had not confidence in the Presbytery. He spoke disrespectfully of Presbytery, especially of Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Rockwell. I told him he had better not speak so disrespectfully of the brethren or he would be arraigned before Presbytery. He answered let them come, let them come, I am ready for them.

Cross Examination.

Quer. Did Mr. Allen say the reason he spoke so of Mr. Stephenson was that he had said various things about him that were not so?

Ans. I dont remember. If accused did, I did not believe him.

Quer. Did the accused intimate that the reason why he would send the Missionary money to the present Board was a want of confidence in Concord Presbytery, or because the present Board was the most proper place?

Ans. The accused said Presbytery had treated him badly, and that he was not going to send any more money through them, and I inferred that he had not confidence in them.

Read to Witness, and by him approved.

The accused called in witnesses to impeach the testimony

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of James Watts.

Mr. L. N. Alexander, sworn.

The Moderator asked him; Do you consider James Watts to be a man of veracity, and to be believed on oath?

Ans. I do.

The third specification under the first charge, viz: A vindictive, unchristian and slanderous spirit towards individuals, was then taken up.

Fielding Watts, testified:

J. Watts testimony.

Quer. Do you remember any conversation of Mr. Allen showing a vindictive spirit to Mrs. Mc Roy?

Ans. During the time she was giving her evidence before the investigating committee of Presbytery, Mr. Allen rushed up and said, shaking his hand in her face, how dare you make such statements?

Quer. Did his attitude assume the form of a threat?

Ans. It did.

Quer. Did the committee have to interpose to check him?

Ans. Col. Allison arose and said, Mr. Chairman, it will not do for the committee to be interrupted thus, or something to that amount.

Quer. What was his conduct at the house of Andrew Erwin?

Ans. Through the course of examination there, he charged indirectly, if not directly, falsehood against James and Andrew Erwin. Col. Allison arose and said, I move that Mr. Allen be put out of the house by Mr. Erwin, and that he hoped there would be no one enough to have his motion seconded, he advanced to Mr. Allen, but did not raise his stick, and they had a few words, and Mr. Allison took his seat.

Cross examination was to have commenced, when the fol-

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Resolution to protect witness from insult by Mr Allen.

Lowing Resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:
Resolved. That as Mr. Allen will not cease to browbeat and call the witness a liar, and thus makes it impossible to carry on the examination, the testimony of this witness be closed.

Testimony read to witness and approved by him.

Rev. T. H. Dalton, sworn.

Rev. T. H. Dalton's testimony.

Quer. What do you remember of Mr Allen's conduct and conversation?
Ans. I state that Mr Watts' statement is true to the word.

Accused refused to cross examine.

Testimony read to witness and approved by him.

Resolution to reprimand Mr. Allen.

The following resolution was read and adopted: viz;
Resolved. That Rev. W. P. Allen be reprimanded for his frequent insults towards this body, for his insubordination; and especially for his charging witnesses with telling falsehoods, and lastly for charging Rev. T. H. Dalton with substantiating the testimony of one of these witnesses, declared by him to be false.

Mr. Allen's contempt of Presbytery.

While this resolution was being read and discussed, Mr. Allen left the house, saying that he would leave the body, and not be insulted. But having in a few moments returned, the Moderator did reprimand him before Presbytery, when Mr. Allen again turned and left the house, talking as he went out, and the reprimand from the Mod. following him.

Rev. W. Alexander appointed to manage the case of Mr. Allen.

It was then Resolved. That as Rev. W. P. Allen has left the house, that Rev. W. C. Alexander be appointed to conduct his defence.

The first Specification under charge II. was then taken up, viz; Unbecoming and highly censurable familiarity with

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Females, proved by his conduct towards Ellen D. Erwin, and her sister in Jan. and May 1855.

S. J. Erwin's testimony.

Sarah Jane Erwin, sworn.

Quer. Did you ever meet with Mr. Allen in James Erwin's lane?
Ans. Yes.
Quer. What did he do?
Ans. He made me hold his umbrella until he got off his horse; he talked with and took me by the hand; he asked me if I loved him.
Quer. Did he go on to the house speaking after the same manner?
Ans. He was going from the house.
Quer. Did he ask you if you would be willing to go with him and leave your Father and Mother?
Ans. Yes, he wanted me to go and live with him.
Quer. Did he ask you a good many questions of the same sort?
Ans. Yes, he talked like a young man courting a young lady would talk.
Quer. Do you believe he really wanted to marry, or was trifling with you?
Ans. I did not know what he wanted.

Cross Examination by Rev. W. C. Alexander.

Quer. How long since this conversation occurred?
Ans. I don't think it has been a year yet.
Quer. Did you think Mr. Allen had any bad motive from his conversation with you?
Ans. No.
Quer. How long did he stand there with you?
Ans. Half an hour. (Read to witness and approved.)

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E. & E. Ervin's testimony.

Ellen D. Ervin, sworn.

Ques. Did you ever meet Mr. Allen?

Ans. Yes, in the lane at uncle James house.

Ques. What did he do to you?

Ans. He kissed me four or five times.

Ques. Did he frighten you?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. What did you do?

Ans. I could not do any thing, he held me.

Ques. Did you get loose from him?

Ans. I did, and ran.

Cross Examination by Rev. S. C. Alexander.

Ques. How long since this occurred?

Ans. I think it was last May.

Ques. What frightened you?

Ans. His foolishness, and his foolish talk.

Ques. Did you not think Mr. Allen was just playing with you?

Ans. No sir.

Ques. How old are you?

Ans. Eleven years.

Ques. How long were you with Mr. Allen in the lane?

Ans. About a quarter of an hour.

(Read to witness and approved.)

The accused offered no rebutting testimony.

Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the second specification under charge II. viz: Conduct and conversation to Miss Angelina Weston in Oct. & Nov. 1854.

Mr. Allen at this point came in and resumed the

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Mrs. Weston's testimony.

management of his own case.

Mrs. Dorcas Weston, being sworn, testified:

Ques. Was Mr. Allen ever at your house?

Ans. Yes, three times.

Ques. How long ago was it that he acted towards your daughter in a way that you thought improper?

Ans. A year ago last fall, it has been talked of a great deal lately.

Ques. What occurred when he came to your house?

Ans. He asked where my daughter was? I answered, she was in the loom house. He told me to call her.

Ques. How old was your daughter?

Ans. Sixteen years. I called her, and she came in, and he sat down beside her took her hand and talked to her. He said first he wanted to talk about her joining the church. He also talked about wanting to court her. I went out to the kitchen and as I came in again he said, I dont know but I will ask your Ma for you for a companion some day. I said he did not want her for a companion. I did not want her to lose her confidence in him as a minister.

Ques. What occurred that night?

Ans. She got up and went out, and he went out at the other door. She said she heard somebody walking and turned and saw him. She started back into the house, and he called Stop! Stop!! but she went on. When she came in she looked like she was frightened. She said she was scared. She said she could not understand him. She did not know what he meant. I thought from her

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M.T. Allen tried. agitation that he wanted to go to bed with her.
Ques. After she came in what occurred?
Ans. She went to bed.
Ques. What occurred next morning?
Ans. He had intended to go to Mr. Gibson's that evening, but did not go, and in the morning he wanted my Daughter to go with him. She told him she could not. He insisted. I told him that if she went I would go also.
Ques. Why were you unwilling that she should go with him alone?
Ans. Because I wanted to see what he would do.
Ques. When you said you would go too what did he say?
Ans. He said he would not go, but would put it off to another time.
Ques. Did your daughter complain to you, and what did she say?
Ans. She did. She said she did not know what Mr. Allen meant by what he did. She thought it strange a preacher would act in the way he did. She said she would not join the church while he preached to it.

Cross Examination.

Ques. How long since this transaction occured?
Ans. Last ~~Feb~~ it was last fall.
Ques. Was it much spoken of?
Ans. It was much talked of both then and now.
Ques. Which end of the table was the bigest?
Ans. I believe the last end of the table was the bigest.
Ques. Do you think you know as much about the matter

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M.T. Allen tried. when it occured as now?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Did you think his conduct towards your Daughter was censurable?
Ans. I thought it was.
Ques. Did you attend Mr. Allens preaching while he preached at Concord?
Ans. I did until his time was up. Mr. Weston attended Mr. Allens preaching occasionally, but has not attended any mans ministry regularly. My Daughter attended as often as she could.
Ques. Did you approve of your daughter joining the church when Mr. Allen proposed it to her?
Ans. I did. Mr. Allen talked to her about the duty of joining and I agreed to his proposition. She and her sister had intended doing it before Mr. Allen came. It was the understanding that Mr. Allen should receive them into the church. I took a good deal of interest in the girls joining the church and in having my married daughters child baptized, and did before Mr. Allen came. I took the same interest after he came that I did before. I was anxious to have it done.
Ques. Did Angelina show the same respect to Mr. Allen as before?
Ans. She did not show that respect which she would have done if he had acted right. She said she would not join the church while Mr. Allen staid there. I told her to go and join, if Mr. Allen was not a good man it would

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M. T. Allen tried: do her no harm. She joined afterwards.
Ques. Did she consider herself old enough to judge for herself?
Ans. I thought she did inasmuch as she had joined the Methodist church before.
Ques. Did she show as much friendship to Mr. Allen as she did before?
Ans. She did not.
Ques. Did you not show Mr. Allen the same cordial friendship during the whole of that first visit?
Ans. I did when he first came, but when he acted as he did I could not. I treated Mr. Allen friendly because he was a preacher.
Ques. Did not the two girls take considerable interest in Mr. Allen's proposition to them to join the church?
Ans. They agreed to join; they intended to do so before Mr. Allen came.
Ques. Did you help Mary Ann over some obstacles that was in the way of her joining the church?
Ans. I did.
Ques. Did your Brother Ross influence you to put off the Baptism of your daughter's child to the sacramental meeting?
Ans. He did not; my conclusion all along was to put off the baptism until the meeting.
Ques. Did you not treat Mr. Allen, at his third visit, with the same respect and cordiality as formerly?
Ans. I spoke to him, on his third visit, and treated him with respect because he was a minister.

Here at this point Mr. Allen's conduct towards the witness was such, that the following resolution was offered

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for the third time and adopted; viz:

Resolved. That as Mr. Allen will not cease to browbeat and call witness a liar, and thus makes it impossible to carry on the examinations, the testimony of this witness be closed.

(Testimony read to witness and by her approved.)

Testimony of Miss Weston.

Miss Angelina Weston being sworn testified as follows, viz:
Ques. Did you hear your mother's statements of this matter?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Was Mr. Allen at your Father's house at the time spoken of?
Ans. He was.
Ques. What did he do when you came into the house?
Ans. I sat down and he sat beside me and caught hold of my hand.
Ques. Did he have any improper talk with you?
Ans. Yes, he asked me if I loved him; talked as if he was going to court me.
Ques. After your Mother came back what did he say?
Ans. He remarked that he had a notion to ask my mother if I might go with him. After supper I went out to the well, and he followed out of the other door. I saw him standing at the corner of the house. He said see here Angelina. I was seared and went into the house, and shut the door after me.
Ques. Did you know it was Mr. Allen, and why were you seared?
Ans. Yes I did know him, and did not know what he meant, and was seared.

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Ans. He asked me where I slept:
Quer. Did he ask you who slept with you?
Ans. Yes, he asked who slept with me; he asked me if my brother slept there. I told him he did not. He asked if my brother slept in the loft. Mr. Allen remarked, in separate beds, I suppose. This was before I went out.
Quer. What did you ask your Mother?
Ans. I asked her what it meant. I thought he was a queer man, and a very singular preacher.
Quer. Was it any thing that Mr. Allen said or did to you connected with his meeting you at the well that alarmed you?
Ans. It was.
Quer. What took place next morning?
Ans. He said he wanted to go to Mr. Gibsons, and wanted me to go with him; he asked me two or three times; and I told him I could not. He said we'll both go. And he said it did not make any difference, he could go some other time.

Cross Examination by Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Quer. Did you think from Mr. Allens conduct, that he was a singular preacher, or that he was doing that which was wrong?
Ans. I thought he did not act as he ought to. There were other things than that.
Quer. Did you not think that you were unduly frightened by Mr. Allen going out after a drink of water?

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Ans. He did not go out for a drink, he only went to the corner of the house.
Quer. Dont you think Mr. Allen was sincere in his protestations of love &c?
Ans. I do not think he was in earnest.
Quer. Did you not think his friendship to you was such as a minister might have with a young lady of his charge whom he was anxious to have join the church?
Ans. I do not think it was. He did not talk about that much except while there was somebody else about.

(Read to witness and by her approved.)

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8½ o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

The committee appointed to assign parts of trial for Messrs J. C. Alexander and W. A. Wood made their report which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

Parts of trial assigned Wm. A. Wood.

Parts of trial assigned to W. A. Wood:
For Latin Exegesis—"In Spiritus sit Deus?"
For Critical Exercise—Ps. XV.
For Popular Lecture—Heb. X. 23–25.
For Popular Sermon Heb. II. 1.

Parts of trial assigned to J. C. Alexander:

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Facts of trial & grounds of J. S. Stephenson.

For Latin Exegesis. "In Christus sit Salvator totius mundi"?
For critical Exercise. John VI. 47-51.
For Popular Lecture. Luke XIV. 15-24.
For Popular Sermon. Rom. VII. 9.

Presbytery proceeded to the unfinished business, viz: the

M. J. Allen's trial.

case of Rev. M. J. Allen. Mr. Allen did not appear in Presbytery, but sent his papers to Rev. S. C. Alexander, who in connection with Dr. J. A. McLelland conducted his defence.

Witnesses for the defence under charge II. Specification 2d. James H. Stephenson, William Weston, and Gilbert Morrison, who were sworn.

J. H. Stephenson testified as follows:

J. H. Stephenson's testimony.

Ques. Do you believe that Mrs. Dorcas Weston, and Angelina Weston are ladies of truth and to be believed on oath?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Do you think they would tell an untruth for the purpose of sustaining any charge?
Ans. I think they would not as far as they knew.
Ques. What is the general character as to purity of morals of these ladies?
Ans. It is good.
Ques. Have you ever heard of their doing any thing impeaching their morality?
Ans. I dont know that I could say I have. Mrs. Weston is my sister.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Do these ladies sustain a good moral character in the community?
Ans. They do. (Read to witness and approved.)

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Gilbert Morrison testified as follows:

G. Morrison's testimony.

Ques. What is the character of these ladies?
Ans. As far as I am acquainted with them it has been good. I have not lived near them for the last 10 years. I lived seven miles from Mrs. Weston's.
Ques. Did you go with me (Dr. J. A. McLelland) to see Mrs. Weston to inquire into this matter?
Ans. I did.
Ques. Do these ladies sustain a character for truth and veracity in the county?
Ans. As far as I know they do.
Ques. Would you believe them on oath?
Ans. I would have no reason to dispute their word.
Ques. What was her statement to you?
Ans. She stated that the report was not true.
Ques. What was the report?
Ans. That Mr. Allen went there and pretended to court her daughter, and afterwards attempted to seduce her.
Ques. Who introduced the subject to Mrs. Weston?
Ans. Dr. McLelland.
Ques. Can you remember the way in which it was done?
Ans. No.
Ques. Do you remember that I (Dr. J. A. McLelland) said we have come for the truth, and now tell us all about it?
Ans. That was the question Dr. McLelland put to her. We did not tell her we wanted to examine into the reports, but into the conduct of Mr. Allen towards her and her daughter with reference to the reports.

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Ques. What did she say ~~with~~ in relation to the report?
Ans. She said the reports were not true. Mr. Allen had conducted himself gentlemanly in her house. Mr. Allen's conduct and conversation was curious, and singular for a preacher, but she did not then believe that he had a bad motive in his actions or she did not know of any.
Ques. Do you remember the conversation?
Ans. I do not.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Was Dr. McLelland a good deal excited about the matter at that time?
Ans. No.
Ques. Does he sometimes talk very loud when he is excited?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. When in earnest on any subject is he not apt to manifest a good deal of feeling?
Ans. He is warm.
Ques. Was he not a good deal censured about these reports?
Ans. He was.
Ques. Would you regard Mrs. Weston as a timid woman?
Ans. I dont know that I would. I suppose if a man would go there in a passion she might be intimidated.
Ques. Did you and Dr. McLelland go to the house together?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Did you not stop at the blacksmith shop?
Ans. I dont think we did. I dont recollect. I think we rode up to the gate, and went into the house together. Mr. Weston was in the shop; he was not present at the interview.

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Ques. Did Mrs. Weston profess to state the whole matter to you?
Ans. I dont know, she satisfied us tho-
Ques. Did she not say that she did not know that you and Dr. McLelland had authority to come and catechize her about the matter?
Ans. No, nothing of the kind.
Ques. Did he not state to Mrs. Weston when he went there that the report in the country was that Mr. Allen had attempted to ruin the character of her daughter?
Ans. I dont hardly think it was. I think the words were, that Mr. Allen had tried to injure her character.
Ques. Had any of these scandalous reports been circulated in the country prior to this time?
Ans. I dont recollect a letter that was the first one or not. That was the first one I recollect.
Ques. Did Mr. Allen stand fair in the community up to this time?
Ans. He did.
Ques. Would you yourself, if there were more such similar reports circulated after you had changed your mind in regard to him?
Ans. Certainly, if they were established. After Mrs. Weston told us (witness and Dr. McLelland) about Mr. Allen's conduct, we told her the report we heard was, that Mr. Allen had followed her daughter out of the house, and tried to ruin her character.
Ques. by Dr. McLelland. Do you remember her saying that her daughter went out to the well, and that Mr. Allen went out at the door, and she got frightened, and Mr. Allen told her not to be frightened, it was him.
Ans. No. I went out of the house and left you in there.

(Read to witness and affirmed to him.)

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James H. Stephenson was recalled and examined by D. McLelland for the accused.

J. H. Stephenson's testimony re-called.

Ques. Did you go there to inquire into these matters?
Ans. I did.
Ques. What was her statement to you?
Ans. She gave me a full statement of all the transaction. She said Mr. Allen came there, and staid all night. She stated that Mr. Allen sat down by Angelina and took her hand and talked about ~~home~~ how much he loved her. We sat up considerable time after supper. Mr. Allen asked her such questions as this. How much do you love me &c. She said that Angelina seemed to be uneasy, and she told her that Mr. Allen wanted to enlist her attention or respect, or affection, in order that his preaching might have influence upon her. Mr. Allen said yes, that was his intention. She said Angelina went out at the north door at late bed time, and Mr. Allen out at the south door; that Angelina went to get a drink at the well, and saw Mr. Allen, and started to run, appeared to be frightened, for what reason I did not know. He called Ange: Ange; and she went on into the house. Mrs. Weston told me that in the morning Mr. Allen wanted to go over to Mr. Gibrons and pay a visit there, and he asked Angelina to go with him; that he was a bad hand to find roads; he wanted to have the youngest of the family; that the little boy was not there. Angelina refused to go with him. She (Mrs. Weston) proposed to go herself with him; and he (Mr. Allen) then declined going, but put it off till some other time. I (witness) told her I came there to know the truth; that I had been Mr. Allen's friend. These

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things that were in circulation on him were a great many, and that was one upon which I could get information. I told her I wanted her to tell me just the truth about these things, i.e. what she thought about the criminality of his conduct or intention. She thought very strange of his conduct about his (Mr. Allen's) going out of the house at night, and about his asking Angelina to go with him in the morning, and his then not going. She told me, from the way that he had preached among them, and from the anxiety he had shown, she could not believe at that time he was a bad man. She asserted boldly that at that time she did not believe he had a bad intention. ✓

(Dr. Chapman asked witness) Did you ever hear Mrs. Weston speak of the interview she had with Dr. McLelland and Mr. Morrison?
Ans. I never did.
Ques. by Rev. J. Hall. What time of night did she tell you it was when her Daughter went out for the water?
Ans. It was tolerable late, about bed time.
Ques. by Dr. Chapman. Which went out of the house first?
Ans. Angelina.
Ques. Did not Mrs. Weston state to you that Angelina promised to go with Mr. Allen to Mr. Gibrons if her mother would go?
Ans. It seems to me she did.

(Read to witness and approved by him)

Mrs. Weston's testimony.

Mr. Weston is brought forward as a witness. Mr. Weston was informed by the Moderator that it was his privilege to refuse to give testimony concerning his wife and daughter, and he expressed himself willing to testify.

Ques. Were you at home when this occurred?

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Ans. I was there one night when Ms. Allen was there.

Ques. Did you impute guilt to Ms. Allen at that time from the circumstance as detailed?

Ans. Not at that time, but afterwards I did.

Cross Examination by Prosecution.

Ques. Did your wife intimate to you suspicion of imprudence or impropriety at that time?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. If any other than a minister of the gospel had come to your house and acted so how could you have felt?

Ans. I should have been angry, and should have considered him a bad man.

Ques. What induced you afterwards to change your mind about the matter?

Ans. I did not understand the thing at the time as I did a short time afterwards.

Ques. Did you not see the whole of his conduct while he was there?

Ans. I saw only part.

Ques. Did you hear of other reports after a while besides these and against Ms. Allen?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. What was the effect upon your mind of hearing other reports?

Ans. It had the tendency to confirm my impressions of suspicion about him.

(Rev. D.C. Haywood asked witness) Ques. Have you not said since this occurrence oftentimes that Ms. Allen was a good man, a dear man?

Ans. I said I hoped he was. I did not say I believed he was.

(Ms. Gaither asked witness) Ques. If any other than a minister had acted so could you not have put him out of the house?

Ans. I could, and I would have put Ms. Allen out had I known all the circumstances.

(Read to witness and by him approved.)

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Sidney Stephen introduced on the part of the prosecution as a witness, was sworn and testified as follows:

S. Stephenson's testimony. Ques. Did you see Mrs. Weston after Ms. Morrison, and Ms. McLelland had been there?

Ans. She told me they had been there.

Ques. What did she say?

Ans. She said she did not know what they wanted it to be known. She said she did not tell them all she told me for certain reasons.

Ques. Did she say she did not feel under obligations to tell them all she knew?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Did she intimate to you that she was very cautious in talking to them?

Ans. That was another reason she had told it, and it came back to her that she said so and so, with a good deal of additions, and she thought she was getting into a difficulty.

Ques. What else did she say?

Ans. She just told me that she had not told them or any person all she told me. (Read to witness and approved.)

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Presbytery proceeded to Specification 3d. in the Charge II. viz: Treatment of Miss Harriet Somers, now Mrs. McKay.

Mrs. McKay's testimony.

Mrs. Harriet McKay being sworn testified as follows:

Ques. Was Mr. Allen ever at your father's house?

Ans. Yes, last fall a year ago.

Ques. Has the matter that occured at your father been much talked about lately?

Ans. I suppose so.

Ques. Who was at home when he came?

Ans. Two of my Brothers. I was at the wash place, out of sight of the house. One of my brothers told me a man was at the house, and said for me to go to the house. I went, and knew him, as I had heard him preach once. He named me. He had enquired at Mr. Morrison's the names of us all. When I went into the house he was sitting near the bed, and I took a seat near the door, and had been there less than two minutes before he came and sat down beside me. He took my right hand and commenced talking; asked how old I was; talked on a little while, and asked if I loved him. He told me how he loved me, he loved me the most of any girl he had seen since he came about here. I got up to go and get dinner, and he caught me and pulled me back on his lap. I tried to get away from him, but he allowed there was plenty time to get dinner, it was not late yet. I told him the boys would want their dinners before they left. He did not let me get up then, but

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when one of the boys came to the door he let me go. While I was getting dinner I went back and stepped to the bed to put something on it that had been washed. I had my bonnet on. He came up and pushed it back, and kissed me, I cannot tell certainly how often, but some 15 or 16 times. He said he always made it a practice to kiss seven times before he stoped. After dinner when I got the table red up I was standing at the door combing my hair, he came to me and caught me by the arm and pulled me back on his knees again. I cant remember all that he said; he talked about the way girls made their dresses, asked if they did not make them open before and not behind; asked why they made them that way; how many under skirts girls wore, and if as many in summer as in winter. He then wanted me to go with him on the loft; this was not long after dinner. He asked me a good many times to go with him before I asked him what he wanted. I had told him that it was not a place kept fixed for strangers. He said if it was not fixed as I could wish he would look over all that. He said it was for to fix the bed for him that he asked me to go up. I told him there was no bed there fit for strangers to lie on, and asked him to lie down below. He said there was too much air down there, he could not stand it. I told him it was as bad above as below, there were cracks above. He still insisted that I should go up with him. I then asked him what my father would think if he came home and me up there with a stranger. He answered when your father comes, you can go down and tell him you came up to fix the bed for me.

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M. J. Allen's trial. He did not lie down at all. He asked that evening if he staid that night which bed he would sleep in, and which I would sleep in. After dinner he had ordered his horse to be brought out, so that if he went away that evening it would be ready for him; and if he didn't go, it could be put up again. My Father came home near sun down. Sun not half an hour high. Mr. Allen didn't stay 15 minutes after he came.

Quer. What was his conduct and conversation all the time he was there?

Ans. It was pretty much the same all the time.

Quer. Was any of his conduct such as characterizes ministerial visitations?

Ans. I did not think it was. This was his first visit to me. None of the family are members of his Church.

Quer. What became of your brothers after dinner?

Ans. They went back to their work.

Quer. What effect had his conduct upon your mind?

Ans. I did not think he meant much good.

Quer. Did you think he meant evil?

Ans. I did.

Quer. Had you suspicions that he had criminal intentions?

Ans. I had.

Defence declined cross examination.

(Read to witness and approved by her.)

The next testimony adduced was a letter of Mr. Allen addressed to Mr. Archibald McRoy, the husband of Mrs Harriet McRoy, formerly Miss Harriet Somers. Dr. J. A. McClelland testified that this letter was written by Rev. M. J. Allen. It is as follows; viz.

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My Dear Sir,

Now that the time is at hand for that trial to take place, which certain wicked and malicious men have brought on for the express purpose of ruining my character, and of driving me from the country, as some of their own near friends have admitted, it becomes my duty to inform you and your wife of something that you are not at all expecting; viz; that certain things can, and will, be brought out against her at that time, in case she attends the trial, that will do her 1000 times more injury than all she will ever be able to say about me, can do to me. I do not intend to try to intimidate, or frighten, or scare her at all, or force her in any way to stay away from that trial. But inasmuch as the whole business is a malignant, malicious, and unprincipled one, from beginning to end, as it was gotten up by these Concord men, some of them in particular, it is not only right, but my duty, to let her know before hand, for her own good, not mine, for her own warning, the dreadful danger into which she ventures when she undertakes to try to ruin another person's character, especially the character of a man filling the station of importance and honor that I do. In the 1st place, if she undertakes to testify against me, I can show that she caught herself directly in a falsehood that day at John Watts. When she told the tale about my pulling her into my lap after dinner, which itself is untrue, I asked her if she was not on my knee ~~that time~~ before dinner too. She said no. My friends and some of my enemies thought I had made a great admission in asking that question, that John

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Watts, for one, said would hurt me more than any thing else that was told. Let us see now whom it will hurt. If I made any admission at all, of course, I admitted the truth. But she denied what I admitted. Will then she denied the truth. Now I say, she was on my knee before dinner. Whether I put her her there, or she put herself she will have to prove. Girls of a certain kind have often been known to put themselves into men's laps. Besides this, there is a certain person who saw her on my knee, and with her arm around my neck, before dinner. That person can very easily remember it, with a little effort. Another thing she was caught in. Dr. McClelland asked her, a letter from all that passed between me and her, she believed I intended to take any improper advantage against her. She said no. Mr. Dalton then asked her the very same question, only changing the word advantage for the word liberties. She said yes. Now Dalton and Allison both say that she qualified her last answer by these words, except from what he said to me". Dr. M. and myself heard her use no such words. I was sitting next to her on the right, and just as near as Dalton was on the left, perhaps a little nearer; for I determined to sit as close to her as possible and listen with the greatest care to every thing that was said. Now the Dr's word and mine are just as good as Daltons and Allisons. All the some of those wicked malicious Concord men have tried to make others believe that I have been guilty of falsehood, that man who ever detected me in one has never breathed while I have proved more than a few on the clergy just

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mentioned. Let them, or any one else prove me in one, if they can, I will give them $100.000 reward. In 3rd place she has been caught in. She has told this tale to many different persons. I have talked with every one of them, or seen some truthful person that talked with them. One of them says, she made the distinct impression on her mind that I asked her but once to go on the loft, and fix me a bed. Another says the same thing, according to a person of undoubted truth she talked with that person. Another still says the same thing, according to a person of fine character who talked with that person. Another says, from what Harriet told her, she was obliged to infer that I asked her more then once. Another says, she made the distinct impression on her mind, that I asked her but once. Another says, she said several times. Another, as far as I remember, says about the same. Another says, she said a dozen times. I was told by another that she made the distinct impression on her mind, that it was only once. What she told those men at John Watts that day, she can remember. If I can remember aright, she told them it was a dozen times, or about that. And I have heard of her telling some, it was 20 times, and have even heard that she said if I asked her once, I asked her 40 or 50 times; and have heard even larger tales than that. But tho I cannot prove them, I can prove the others. Now a person that tells so many different tales, on any material point, upsets the whole of his testimony thereby. If he tells different tales on any trifling point, it does not upset him. Well, this point of the number of times is a very important one, in this case, very indeed. Indeed is that thing of charging criminal intentions on me. This is the 4th hold that I have upon her. When she first told the tale, fall before last, she did not hint, in

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the least degree, any such belief or suspicion. Now, as the tale gets oldish and stronger, she openly says she had that belief. That is what Dalton and Allison say that she declared at John Watts. And now for my proof against her on that point. One person says, she did not intimate, insinuate, or hint, in any form, manner, or degree, that she believed, or suspected that I had any criminal intention. Another says, she did not express to her in the least any belief that I had any criminal design. Another one tells the tale, so as to make the impression that Harriet charged or insinuated more or less of criminal design on my part. One of the men to whom she told it, says that she did not particularly charge me with guilty intentions. Another of the men says, she did not make any very heavy charge of this kind, yet heavy enough to mean something, altho she owned to him that she had gone to hear me preach several times afterwards. Another of the men says, she did not come out with any special charge of this kind, altho she made him think that it was a bad mark for a minister to be acting so, a man of my pretensions to be conducting that way. One of the women says, she did not charge me with any particular bad intention, or bad conduct, or about that. One of the old ladies to whom she told it, says she did not hint, in the slightest degree, any belief or suspicion that I did it for any object, or with any intention, at all criminal. And she stated before those men at John Watts', that from what passed between us, she believed I intended to take improper liberties with her. Now all this will not do. But it is in substance,

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just what my witnesses tell me, and it can very easily be proved when I have time to get the proof. The people in your neighborhood long ago charged her with this. What they stated to me, they are ready to swear to, and will do it, they gave me to understand whenever it is necessary. Now then will she look, and feel, when all this is brought against her. It will, it must have the effect overthrowing the whole of her testimony. Just give me time, and it can be done with very little trouble. But she has never thought about this. Some people, just for want of thought plunge themselves into ruin. Let her take care now. Another thing: I have the names of just 20 witnesses, all of whom can say something of importance and weight, and strength against her general character and conduct. And some of them can tell things of a very dark character, very. For instance: Mrs. Jemima Alexander, and her two Daughters; Mrs. Deborah Alexander, Mrs. Arminta Morrison, William Cline, Silas Cline, Angelina Cline, and Jane Cline, as I understand, Milton Alexander, Jane McCoy, B. Perkins (tho he is not here now) it is said he knows a great deal; Sidney Morrison, and what he knows, he told to five young men, in substance, and four out of the five have told me. One main part of that affair Sidney did not deny to me, as he denied the rest of it. Eli D. Fry (what he knows he was told by Wm Cline), Monroe Fink, David Fink, I am told, Moses D. Fink, Leander Johnson, I am told, Hiram Sherrill and his wife, I am particularly told by one or two very knowing persons, that very ugly and horrible affair that happened between her and Sidney Morrison, which he told to five other

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young men, will operate most powerfully against her, for they are willing to stand up to all they have said; they will all swear to it, I have no doubt, if called upon. The three affairs between her and Wm Cline will also operate in the same way, two of them happened in bed; I am told he said so; and I understand that there six or seven young men have never had their character for truth questioned or doubted. I know it to be so in regard to most of them, and I am told so in regard to all the others, but one, by people of high standing. I have particularly and carefully inquired all about these matters. A gentleman of the first respectability, intelligence, and influence in this country remarked to me this morning thus; in regard to Harriet Summers, you can sink her character for her. I told him this is what I expected to do, if she appeared against me on trial; and that even if the testimony of these witnesses against her was not admitted by the Presbytery, I intended to read it to all the people out of doors at the trial, and every where through the whole country, if she attended that trial. Some people think, because they are summoned to attend a church trial they are obliged to go; It is a very mistaken notion indeed. No church in all the United States has any power at all to compel a single person to attend its trials, or any other business except its own members. This every knowing person will tell you at any time.

I am your friend and well-wisher. M. T. Allen.

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The following note on a loose strip of paper accompanied the foregoing letter; viz;

No church in this free country has the power to touch a single individual for not attending their trials, except their own members. Did any church ever try to do it? They dare not try. They have no power even over their own members further than to turn them out. The other night some of the Presbyterian members, who were summoned to attend this very trial, said of their own accord in presence of several, that they did not intend to go. One old lady has taken her bed, it is said by good authority, on this very account. Others are quite uneasy, and appear to be getting rather alarmed about it. And well they may. Especially A. Gibson and his family.

Fielding Watts being sworn testified as follows;

F. Watts' testimony.

Ques. Were you present when the committee met at John Watts'?

Ans. I was.

Ques. What did Mr. Allen state?

Ans. He asked her if he did not tell her that he had no criminal intentions.

Ques. Did he ask any question of Mrs. McKoy that was an admission that he had had her on his back?

Ans. Yes he did.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Did Mr. Allen ever talk to you of this matter?

Ans. yes.

Ques. Did he admit to you that he had had Mrs. McKoy

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on his lap?
Ans. Mr. Allen remarked to the best of his recollection he did not ask her more than two or three times to go up on the loft; but said he had no criminal intentions.

(Read to witness and approved by him)

Rev. Messrs R. L. Reside, E. B. Junkin, and Wm. C. Sheaty, asked leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Their request was not granted.

Presbytery took a recess of 35 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the investigation of charge III. against Rev. M. J. Allen; viz; Violence upon and attempted seduction of Margaret Elizabeth Gibson in Oct. 1854, which has lately become playsant.

Alfred Gibson being sworn testified as follows:

Alfred Gibson's testimony.

Ques. When did the matters and things as set forth in 3rd charge occur?
Ans. In Oct. 1854
Ques. When did it become notorious in all its circumstances and when did it become known to you?
Ans. It became generally known in all its parts only last winter. I heard the whole of it for the first time not long ago. It took place at Mrs. Eliza Lewis' ½ miles from my house.
My wife sent her daughter Margaret to Mr. Lewis, and she said when she went there Allen was there, & came there directly after she got there. When she went in he pulled her on his knee, and kept hold of her, and kissed her 4, or 5, or 6 times. She said she wanted to get away, for she

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had only seen him 3 or 4 times before. It was late in the evening and her Aunt asked her if her Mother allowed her to go home that evening. She said she did. Her Aunt told one of her children to go out and get the horse, and put her on it, and give her the basket. Mr. Allen replied he would go out and help her on, himself. Her Aunt said Mr. Allen need not, for one of the boys could help her on. Mr. Allen took her by the hand, and led her out and took the basket, and got the beast: he did not put her on the beast there, he went by the block through a pair of bars up a short lane by a barn on the right hand, over the top of the hill, and down to where the fence makes a bend, and stopped where there was a pair of bars; he there set down the basket, and asked her her age. he had her by the hand, and pulled her up to him, and opened his pants, and took it out. He caught her hand, and put her hand on it. He pulled her up to him, right close and began to pull up her clothes. She bursted out crying, for she was afraid to halloo! It was late in the evening, sun nearly down. When she commenced crying, he let her go, and she either got on the horse, or he helped her on. She started on, and he walked off from her buttoning up his pants.
Ques. Was there a block in the yard?
Ans. There was.

Cross Examination.

Ques. Did you not know all about this matter in Oct. 1854?
Ans. No. The last part of it I heard only last winter.
Ques. You did not see any thing of this matter?
Ans. No, not a bit.
Ques. How far from the house did the thing occur?

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Ans. It is a short lane, not more than 150 yds. to where he stopped.
Ques. Is there no suitable place for putting a lady on at the house?
Ans. It is not common to take a little girl so far from the house to put her on a horse.
Ques. How long was Mr. Allen with the little girl?
Ans. Something like a quarter of an hour.
Ques. How old was she?
Ans. Between 10 and 11.
Ques. Did you ever deny that you heard the tale of his taking her on his lap, and putting her on her horse?
Ans. No. (Read to witness and by him approved.)

Margaret E. Gibson being sworn testified as follows:

Margaret E. Gibson's testimony.

Ques. Did you ever see Mr. Allen at Mrs. Lewis'?
Ans. Yes, something like a year ago.
Ques. What did he do with you?
Ans. He caught me, and pulled me on his knee, and kissed me 4, or 5 times. I tried to get away. My aunt asked me if my Ma allowed me to go home. I told her she did. When I was about to go, she told a little boy to go out, and help me on. Mr. Allen said he would go out and put me on. We went out together, he had me by the hand: he did not put me on at the bars, he led the beast and me somewhere about the barn, a little on the other side, about a rod and half. There Mr. Allen pulled me up in the panel, and set down the basket, he pulled down his breeches, and pulled it out, and put my hand on it, tried to pull up my clothes. I cried and wanted to get away from him, and he put me on the horse,

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and handed me the eggs, and I started as hard as I could. He was there I think 15 minutes. I looked back, and saw him buttoning up.

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Both the little boys were then in the yard. He stood in the lane I think about 15 minutes. I did not tell my mother when I went right home. I told her after words. My aunt Polly was there.

(Read to witness and approved by her.)

Mrs. E. Morrison being sworn testified as follows:

Mrs. Morrison's testimony.

Ques. When did your sister Margaret tell you of this matter?
Ans. A year after it occurred.
Ques. What did she tell you?
Ans. She told me that she went up to Mrs. Lewis' to get some eggs. She went to speak to Mr. Allen, and he took her on his lap and kissed her: she looked at her aunt as if she wanted to go home. Her aunt told some of them to go out, and put her on. Mr. Allen allowed he would go. He took the eggs in one hand, and Betty by the other and took her out to the beast, but did not put her on. They went on up the lane past the barn to where were a pair of bars, and took her in the fence corner. She said Mr. Allen set the eggs down, and asked her how old she was. She said he pulled her up to him, and took it out, and tried to put her hand on it, and tried to pull up her clothes. She burst out crying. She said Mr. Allen put her on her horse then, and she started as hard as she could. She said she looked back and saw Mr. Allen buttoning his pants. My sister told me this about last Christmas; it was while the snow was on the ground. I did not hear when she told her mother.

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Cross Examination.

Quer. Is all this that you have told hearsay?

Ans. Yes.

Quer. What time was it when Betty got home?

Ans. Nearly dark. She did not seem frightened.

Quer. Did she give you any reason why she did not tell before?

Ans. She gave me no reason.

Quer. How did your sister come to tell you about the matter?

Ans. When they got talking about Mr. Allen, about his liberties with her, she told me all about it.

(Read to witness and approved.)

Margaret E. Gibson recalled.

Quer. Why did you never tell this before?

Ans. I was ashamed to tell it.

Rev. S.C. Alexander being sworn testified as follows:

Rev. S.C. Alexander's testimony.

We the committee of Presbytery to procure depositions had been riding a good long while day before yesterday, and at night between 10 and 11 o'clock we came to Mr. A. Morrison's house. While Mr. McClelland went in to wake the people, the other remaining members of the committee professed to Mr. Allen their willingness to ride all night to get testimony. Mr. Allen said that there was but one other that he cared about, and that they could visit that in the morning; which we did.

(Read to witness and approved by him.)

The depositions of Franklin A. Lewis, Mrs. Eliza Lewis, Miss Mary Jane Lewis, Miss Sarah Lewis, Miss Emily Lewis, A. Morrison, and Mrs. Isabella McRee, which had been taken by the

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committee on depositions, were then read in testimony in the case. They are as follows, viz:

F.A. Lewis' testimony by deposition.

Franklin A. Lewis being sworn gave the following testimony.

Quer. Did you ever hear any one say that Bettie Gibson would not tell the truth at all times?

Ans. Yes.

Quer. Did you ever hear more than one person say this?

Ans. No.

Quer. Was this a grown person whom you heard say this?

Ans. Yes.

Quer. Have you ever heard that Bettie Gibson made more than one statement about the place where Mr. Allen put her on the horse?

Ans. Yes.

Quer. Where was the first place?

Ans. At the forks of the road. Where the first place? About 200 yds. from the house. The second place where he heard she said this occurred was about 100 yds. from the other place.

Quer. Did you ever hear of her being given to filthy conversation?

Ans. No.

Mrs. Eliza Lewis being sworn gave the following testimony.

Mrs Lewis' testimony by deposition

Quer. At what time did this Gibson affair occur with Mr. Allen?

Ans. In Oct. 1854.

Quer. Did Mr. Allen have Bettie Gibson in his lap before they left the house?

Ans. Yes. She was about 11 years old.

Quer. Did she look a little ashamed when sitting on his lap?

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Ans. She did. When Bettie was about to start Mrs. Lewis told one of the girls to put her on the horse. Mr. Allen said that he would do it.

Quer. Did you see any improper conduct of Mr. Allen with Bettie in the house?

Ans. No. He took her on his knee. I was in the house and could observe all his conduct, and saw all that he did.

Quer. Did he help her on the horse at the bars?

Ans. No.

Quer. Did they walk off from the bars together?

Ans. Yes: They went side and side as they walked - and thus they walked till out of my sight while in the door, and he (Mr. Allen) was gone not more than 10 or 15 minutes, I think.

Quer. Do you think that he had time to do anything more than to walk to the forks of the road and back?

Ans. I cannot say.

Quer. Do you think that he was gone as long as Dr. McLelland and Mr. Woodside were when they walked it the other night?

Ans. I dont think that he was gone any longer. ✓

Quer. How long do you think it was before you heard of this affair?

Ans. I think it was about 9 months.

Quer. Has not this Gibson tale grown a great deal larger than when you heard it first?

Ans. Yes.

Quer. What do you mean by larger?

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Ans. More scandalous and dirty.

Quer. Did you ever hear Alfred Gibson make any threats against any person that would say that his daughter told a lie?

Ans. Yes, he said that he would break their mouth.

Miss Mary Jane Lewis being sworn testified as follows:

Miss M. J. Lewis' testimony by deposition.

Quer. Did all the people that you heard speak of this Gibson affair last summer say that it occured at the forks of the road?

Ans. Yes - All that my mother has stated about this matter, I know to be true.

Quer. Have you at any time heard Bettie Gibson make use of filthy language?

Ans. A little, not much.

Quer. Do you think that other girls use language as filthy as she?

Ans. A few girls, not many.

Quer. Do yo know any thing that would lead you to believe that she would tell a falsehood?

Ans. I do not.

Miss Sarah Lewis being sworn testified as follows:

Miss S. Lewis' testimony by deposition.

I first heard of this Gibson case on the 14th of last Aug. 1855, When I heard Miss Bettie plagued about Allen's going out to put her on her horse, and she just laughed about it.

Quer. Has not this Gibson tale grown a great deal larger than when you first heard it?

Ans. Right smart more added to it.

Quer. Was it not the common report last summer that this affair took place at the fork of the road?

Ans. I never heard of it at any other place till lately. The fork of the public meeting road is the one to which I refer.

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Ques. How long was Mr Allen gone from the house?
Ans. Not longer than it was necessary to walk to the fork of the road and put Bettie on the horse and return.
Ques. Did you ever hear Bettie use filthy language?
Ans. Well I have, just in fun.
Ques. Do you think that she is more in the habit of using such language than other girls?
Ans. I don't know that she is any more than some girls.

Miss Emily Lewis being sworn testified as follows:

Miss E. Lewis's testimony by deposition.

I first heard of this the Gibson case on 16th of last Aug.; on the next day I heard Bettie joked about it at A. J. Morrison's. I heard Bettie say twice that Mr. Allen put her on the horse.
Ques. Did she make light of it?
Ans. She laughed. Clementine the daughter of Alfred Gibson said that she (Clementine) told about this matter at her fathers about the 9th of last Aug. Clementine told this matter to me about the 14th of last Aug. I have heard this matter talked about since Clementine first told it to me. This affair has grown a great deal larger since I first heard of it.
Ques. Where did Bettie first tell you that Mr. Allen put her on the horse?
Ans. Right at the fork of the road, public meeting road.
Ques. Where did Bettie say the second time that Mr. Allen put her on the horse?
Ans. About 100 steps nearer the house. Bettie stopped and showed me the exact place where he put her on the horse: and she said he just his hands under her arms, and put her on the horse, and just handed her up her basket of eggs.

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Ques. Did you ever hear Bettie Gibson spoken of as a girl that would not at all times tell the truth?
Ans. I have heard only one person doubt her veracity. I heard aunt Polly say that Bettie would not tell the truth.
Ques. Have you heard Bettie use filthy language?
Ans. Yes.
Ques. Does she use filthy language as much as other girls?
Ans. Some others do as much.

A. Morrison's testimony by deposition.

Mr. Andrew Morrison being sworn testified as follows:

I first heard of this Gibson matter about the 1st of Oct. 1855. I had it from Clementine Morrison. She told me that her father never would believe any reports that had been circulated about Mr. Allen until Bettie had told how Mr. Allen had served her, which he was compelled to believe. She (Clementine) did not represent it to me as at all approaching an attempt at rape. As she told it to me it had no resemblance to the present report.

Mrs. I. McRee's testimony by deposition.

Mrs. Isabella McRee being sworn testified as follows:

I was going to school at the time and place where Bettie Gibson was going to school. When she told this falsehood about her mother having a babe the night before. All the school heard the tale and said Bettie told it. Bettie was asked the reason why Clementine and Eveline were not at school that day. She said the reason was that her mother had had a babe the night before, and they could not come.
Ques. Did not the neighborhood generally know this to be a palpable falsehood?
Ans. I reckon the most of them knew it, around the schoolhouse especially.

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Ques. How old was she when Bettie told this tale?
Ans. It was about 6 or 7 years ago.
When Bettie told this, several told her that was not so.
Ques. Did not a good many of the school children believe this tale until they were seriously told it was not true?
Ans. Some of them believed it.
Ques. Do you know that she ever told a falsehood beside that one?
Ans. I never heard her myself. But she gets that name.
Ques. Did you ever hear of Bettie getting that name before you ever heard of this affair of Mr. Allen?
Ans. Yes, she got that name in the school.
Ques. Does she get the name of indulging in filthy conversation?
Ans. Yes, she gets that name. I have had no personal acquaintance with her for 2 or 3 years.
Do you believe that she would swear to what she knew to be false?
Ans. I cannot answer that question.

Reuben Woodside was introduced as a witness for the defence, who being sworn testified as follows:

R. Woodside's testimony.

Ques. Did Nelson Lewis say whether he had heard two places spoken of where the matter occured?
Ans. He said nothing about but one place, the place nearest the house which Mr. Lewis' sister pointed out, he showed me the same place, which Betty told him was the place. Emily Lewis pointed out the place farthest from the house at the forks of the road. This place

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is 282 or 3 steps from the house, the other 100 steps nearer.
Here the testimony closed.

Presbytery hears the argument of the prosecution, and the counsel for the accused in the case of Mr. Allen.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the arguments of the Prosecution, which being brought to a close, the counsel for the accused was heard, who put in the plea of insanity to account in part for the conduct of the accused.

Members of Presbytery express their views in the case.

The roll was then called giving each member of Presbytery an opportunity of expressing his views on the case, after which the vote of Presbytery was taken by calling the roll, which resulted in a unanimous vote to sustain all the charges and specifications, except the 1st specification under Charge II. which was not sustained.

Charges sustained.

A vote was then taken by calling the roll to ascertain the judgment of Presbytery which resulted in a unanimous decision that Rev. M. J. Allen should be deposed from the gospel ministry, and excommunicated from the communion of the Church.

Judgment of Presbytery in the case.

Revs. Messrs R. H. Lafferty, J. D. Hall, and Ruling Elder W. Morrison, were appointed a committee to draft a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery.

Rev. D. E. Hoke, and Ruling Elder, W. R. Moore, obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery took a short recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to draft a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case of Rev. M. J. Allen, presented their report, which was

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adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Deposition of Rev. M. J. Allen.

Whereas all the Charges and Specifications tabled against the Rev. M. J. Allen have been fully sustained by the evidence adduced, with the exception of Specification 1st under Charge II. Therefore Resolved. That the Rev. M. J. Allen be, and he hereby is deposed from the gospel ministry, and is excommunicated from the communion of the church.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Jas. D. Hall, William Morrison } Com.

The Stated clerk was instructed to send notice of this deposition to the "Presbyterian", Central Presbyterian, and Southern Presbyterian, for publication.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at the church of Steele creek on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in June at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer.

R. S. Davis, Modr.
E. D. Junkin, A. L. Summey } Tempory clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Steele Creek church,
Thursday, June 12th 1856.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment; and the Moderator being absent, Rev. D. A. Penick was chosen Moderator, and Rev. P. J. Penick was appointed tempory clerk. Presbytery was opened with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, H. B. Cunningham, D.D., P. J. Penick:	Messrs. Sandy McKinley, Jos. H. Wilson, Charlotte cch. Thos. R. Price, Steele creek cch.

Mr. Rumple delivers his popular lecture.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery proceed to hear the Popular lecture of Mr. Jethro Rumple, a candidate for the ministry under its care. The lecture having been delivered, Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met in the session house.

Rev. S. Williamson, D.D. appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

J. H. Johnston taken under care of Pres.

Mr. J. H. Johnston, a member of College church, being desirous of putting himself under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Holy ministry, was introduced to Presbytery, and examined on experimental religion, and his motives for seeking the ministry. This examination was sustained as satisfactory, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

J. M. S. Harris delivers his critical exercise. Mr. G. D. Parks preaches his trial sermon.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery repair to the church and hear the critical exercise of Mr. John S. Harris, a candidate for licensure. At the conclusion of this exercise, Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. G. D. Parks preparatory to his ordination.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfac-

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tory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Critical exercise of J. S. Harris sustained

It was Resolved- That the critical exercise of Mr. John S. Harris be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Com. of examination appointed.

It was Resolved- That a committee be appointed to examine Mr. F. H. Johnston on his literary course. Rev. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Rev. P. J. Pinick, were appointed this committee.

Latin Exegesis of Mr. Rumple.

Mr. Jethro Rumple read a part of his Latin Exegesis, after which it was refered to the above examining committee.

Popular lecture of Mr. Rumple sustained.

The Popular Lecture of Mr. Rumple was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Examination of Mr. Parks.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. G. D. Parks with a view to his ordination, pending which Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Friday, June 13th 1856.

8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read.

Examination of Mr. Parks continued.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination of Mr. G. D. Parks on those studies required for ordination.

Mr. John S. Harris examined for licensure.

Mr. John S. Harris was examined on the studies requisite for licensure.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded with the examination of Mr. Harris, and Mr. Parks.

Mr. Rumple examined on Hebrew and Ecclesiastical History.

Mr. Rumple was examined on Hebrew and Ecclesiastical History. This examination was sustained.

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Report of com. to examine Latin exegesis of Mr. Rumple.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Rumple's Latin Exegesis reported that they had discharged that duty, and recommend that it be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was adopted.

It was Resolved- That Presbytery will hear the trial sermon of Mr. Harris this morning at 11 o'clock.

Trial sustained the parts of trial of Mr. Parks, and resolves to proceed with his ordination.

It was Resolved- That the trial sermon of Mr. G. D. Parks, together with his entire examination be, and they hereby are sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, and that Presbytery will proceed with the ordination services immediately after the intervel of divine worship.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris' sermon was sustained; and he having completed the course prescribed by the Form of Government as requisite for licensure, and being sustained upon the same, and having satisfactorily answered the questions proposed to candidates for licensure, John S. Harris was licensed to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry.

J. S. Harris is licensed.

Presbytery took a recess of 25 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Report of com. to examine F. H. Johnston on his literary course.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to examine Mr. F. H. Johnston on his literary course reported, that they had discharged that duty, and recommend that the examination be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was adopted.

Parts of trial assigned F. H. Johnston.

The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr. Johnston, viz; Trial Sermon- II. Tim. 1. 9: for Popular Lecture 2d Psalm. for Critical exercise Rev. XX. Latin Exegesis- "An anima humana naturali generatione propagata sit?"

Presbytery instructed Mr. J. S. Harris to preach one Sabbath at each

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of the following places, viz; Providence, Sharon, Taylorsville, and Hendersonville, between this time and the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved. That when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Rocky River church on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in Aug. at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Ordination of Mr. G. Parks, and his installation over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the ordination services. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. preached the ordination sermon. Rev. A. Williamson, D.D. presided, and proposed the constitutional questions to the candidate for ordination, and likewise to the united congregations of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, which being answered in the affirmative, G. Parks was by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the work of the gospel Ministry, and installed Pastor of the united congregations of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill. After which Rev. A. Williamson, D.D. delivered a charge to the newly ordained Pastor, and Rev. P. J. Penick delivered the charge to the people. The minutes of today were read.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Rocky River church on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in Aug. at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with prayer.

P. J. Penick, Temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

Rocky River church:

Tuesday, 29th 1856. July.

11 o'clock, A.M.

Not a Quorum. Several members of Concord Presbytery met at Rocky River church at the hour to which Presbytery stood adjourned, viz; Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. P. J. Penick, with Ruling Elders, Messrs. Wm. Beaver, T. H. McClellan, and M. D. Johnston. A Quorum not being present, the meeting was adjourned until to-morrow morning at

Adjourn till tomorrow. 9 o'clock.

Rocky River church:

Wednesday, July 30th 1856.

9 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick,	Messrs. McKenzie White,
W. W. Pharr,	Thos. H. McClellan,
P. J. Penick	Wm. Beaver, Philadelphia ch.
	John Howie, Sugar creek ch.
	M. D. Johnston, Charlotte ch.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. D. A. Penick was chosen Moderator, and M. D. Johnston was appointed temporary clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Jethro Rumple, and Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, with a view to their licensure.

It was Resolved. That it be the order of the day to hear Mr. Rumple's popular sermon at 11 o'clock to-day, and Mr. Pharr's at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery then examined them on Theology.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Mr. Rumple's popular

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sermon was heard, after which Presbytery took a recess.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and attended to the order of the day; viz: the hearing Mr. Wm. W. Pharr's popular sermon.

R.H. Caldwell taken under care of Pres.

Mr. Robert H. Caldwell, a member of Rocky River church, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of placing himself under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking to enter the ministry. This examination was sustained, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Com. to examine Mr. Caldwell.

Revs. P.J. Pinick, Rev. W.W. Pharr, and M.D. Johnston, were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Caldwell on his literary course.

Presbytery adjourned to meet this evening at the call of the Moderator at the house of Rev. D.A. Penick. Closed with prayer.

Residence of Rev. D.A. Penick.

7 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as before, with the addition of Rev. E.D. Junkin.

Report of com. to examine Mr. Caldwell.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Caldwell on the Languages, arts, and sciences, having reported, it was Resolved. That the examination be sustained, with the recommendation that he review those studies.

Mr. Wm. W. Pharr's Latin Exegesis was referred for examination to Rev. E.D. Junkin, and M.D. Johnston.

Critical Exercises of Messrs. Pharr and Rumple presented.

Presbytery then listened to the critical exercises of Messrs. Pharr, and Rumple. They were then examined on the Sacraments.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Rocky River church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Rocky River Church.

Thursday, July 31st 1856.

9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Members present as before, with the addition of Rev. R. Morrison, D.D. – Mr. Wm. W. Pharr was examined on Church History, and then both Mr. Pharr and Mr. Rumple on Church Government.

Mr. Pharr was next examined on the Hebrew Language, and then he read his popular lecture on the subject previously assigned.

Report of com. to examine Mr. Pharr's Latin exegesis.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Pharr's Latin Exegesis reported, and recommended that it be sustained as part of his trial performances. This report was adopted.

Resolution to license Messrs. Pharr and Rumple.

It was Resolved. That the several parts of the examination of Messrs. Pharr, and Rumple be sustained and approved; and, that at the close of the sermon this morning they be licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

Presbytery took a short recess before preaching.

After recess.

Licensure of Messrs Pharr and Rumple.

Presbytery met; and immediately after sermon, Wm. W. Pharr, and Jethro Rumple, were licensed, according to the prescribed form, and having adopted the Confession of Faith, to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

It was Resolved. That Mr. Rumple be directed to labor till the fall meeting of Presbytery, in the churches of Taylorsville, Lenoir, and Wilkesboro; and that Mr. Pharr be directed to supply the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem for the same time.

The following were assigned as subjects for Mr. Caldwell's trial performances; viz;

For Popular Sermon; Rom. VIII. 9. last clause.

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Text of trial assigned R. H. Lafferty

For Popular Lecture - John XV. 1-8.
" Critical Exercise - I. Cor. XV. 22-26. For as in Adam all die. -
" Latin Exegesis - "Ex justificatione fide".

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Statesville on the first Wednesday in Nov. at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with prayer.

M. D. Johnston, temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Were examined & approved by Synod in Session at Fayetteville Nov. 14th, 1856.

M. W. Hay Mod.

Statesville, Iredell county, N. C.
Wednesday, Nov. 5th 1856.
11 o'clock, A.M.

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The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. R. N. Davis, from II. Cor. IV. 7. "But we have this treasure "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be "of God, and not of us." Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders
Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick,	Messrs.
J. J. Hall,	
S. B. O. Wilson,	
H. B. Cunningham, Ed.	Wm. A. Cathey,
A. Baker,	
W. W. Thom,	Nathaniel Johnston,
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	
J. H. Dalton,	J. A. Allison,
P. J. Penick,	
D. L. Beall,	
A. W. Miller,	Dr. E. Nye Hutchison,
E. D. Jenkins,	James L. Beaty,
	Jas. Montgomery, Fifth creek chh.
	Thos. Hill, Concord chh.
	J. B. Thomas, Shiloh, chh.
	D. L. Torrence, Centre chh.
	Richard Culbertson, Unity chh.
	Andrew Grey, Bethany chh.

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Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs. A. W. Miller for Moderator, and Revs B. L. Bedell, and W. E. Nye Hutchison, for temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess

Moderator inducted into office.

Presbytery met in the church, and the Moderator elect was inducted into office by reading to him the Rules for Judicatories.

Ruling Elders appear in Pres.

Mr. Cyrus Morrison, Ruling Elder from Philadelphia church, Dr. D. F. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from Sugar creek church, Mr. David White, Ruling Elder from Rocky River church, Mr. Joseph Thompson, Ruling Elder from Salem church, and Dr. J. W. Ross, Ruling Elder from Sharon church, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats as members.

Members appear in Presbytery.

Revs. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, and W. S. Moore, appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Minutes of last meetings read.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting together with the minutes of the adjourned meetings at Bethany, Concord, Steele creek, and Rocky River, were read.

Report of members appointed to supply vacant churches.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to answer whether they had fulfilled their appointments, when it appeared that said appointments had been generally fulfilled.

Rev. Jesse Rankin presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange with a view of connecting himself

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Rev. Jesse Rankin received from Orange Pres.

with the Presbytery of Concord: whereupon it was Resolved that inasmuch as the Rev. Jesse Rankin was once a member of this Presbytery, and having been examined by this body, that therefore the usual examination in his case be dispensed with, and he be, and hereby is received as a member of this Presbytery.

com. to examine the books of Rev. D. C. Pharr D.D. late Treasurer of Education.

A committee was appointed to examine the books and accounts of Rev. D. C. Pharr D.D. the late Treasurer of the Educational committee. The committee is as follows; viz. Rev. T. J. Penick, W. B. Cunningham, Esq. and Thos. A. Allison.

members appear in Pres.

Rev. B. L. Kridel, and Rev. J. E. McPherson, appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

corresponding member.

Rev. Mr. Bigsley of the Associate Reformed church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Committees announced.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator viz:

On Devotional Exercises. Rev. J. H. Dalton, and T. A. Allison.

On Supplies. Rev. Messrs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. T. J. Penick, J. E. McPherson, and Dr. J. W. Ross.

On the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly. Rev. L. B. A. Wilson, Rev. W. W. Pharr, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

Judicial committee. Rev. J. D. Hall, Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. T. J. Penick, and Mr. J. B. Thomas.

On the Narrative. Rev. A. Baker, Rev. W. S. Moore, and Mr. J. Beaty.

Standing order, to record amount in call.

It was Resolved. That hereafter it be a standing rule whenever a call is ordered to be placed in the hands of the minister called the sum specified in the call be made a matter of record.

Letter of excuse for absence.

A letter was read from Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. assigning reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery. Their reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

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Mr. J. S. Harris a Licentiate dismissed to Bethel Pres.

A letter was read from Mr. John S. Harris, a Licentiate under the care of Presbytery asking to be dismissed with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel. This request was granted, and the Stated clerk was directed to furnish Mr. Harris with a letter of dismission.

Dr. Williamson dismissed to Ouachita Pres.

Rev. Samuel Williamson, D.D. was dismissed, at his own request, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark. The Stated clerk was directed to furnish Dr. Williamson with a letter of dismission.

A call from Asheville for R. H. Chapman.

A call for the pastoral services of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. from the church of Asheville, promising the sum of $600.00 was read, and being found in due form was ordered to be placed in his hands. Dr. Chapman not being present, the Stated clerk was directed to forward this call to him.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock A.M. to hand in reports on the state of religion in the churches.

A call from Sharon for J. Rumple.

A call from Sharon for one half of the pastoral services of Mr. Jethro Rumple, in which the sum of $325.00 was promised, was read, and being found in order was placed in his hands for consideration.

Rev. J. W. Erwin received from Bethel Pres.

Rev. J. W. Erwin presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Bethel with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery. Whereupon he was examined in the usual manner, and this examination being sustained he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M. to meet in the session house.

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After recess.

Letter of excuse from Rev. J. P. Johnston.

Presbytery met. A letter was read from Rev. J. P. Johnston, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Report of com. to install Rev. W. S. Heard over Ramah church.

The committee appointed to install Rev. W. S. Heard over the church of Ramah reported. That they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 8th day of Aug. 1856 they installed Rev. W. S. Heard as Pastor of the church of Ramah. (Signed) Drury Lacy, Chairman of Com.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Hezekiah R. Knight, Ruling Elder from the church of Hopewell appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Resolution on reading the scriptures in D. College and Statesville Female Seminary.

The report of the committee on reading the scriptures and instruction in the same in colleges and schools which was laid over from the last meeting of Presbytery, was taken up and read; and the following resolution in connection with this report was amended and adopted, viz:

Resolved. That this Presbytery recommend to the Trustees and Faculty in Davidson College, and Statesville Female Seminary, to establish a system of daily reading and instruction in the Holy Scriptures and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms of the Presbyterian church, in addition to the regular Bible recitations on Sabbath evenings.

A member appears in Pres.

Rev. S. C. Alexander appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Papers from Robert Agnew returned.

Certain papers relative to Mr. Robert Agnew, a Licentiate, from whom at a former meeting Presbytery had recalled his license, were placed in the hands of the Judicial committee.

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Paper on the importance of constituting the pastoral relation in our churches.

The paper laid over from the last meeting of Presbytery on the importance of the pastoral relation was taken up, read, amended, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Whereas the Pastoral office is recognized in the word of God, and in our book of discipline as the first in the church, both for dignity and usefulness - For when God intended to bestow special favor upon his chosen people, among the first and chief of these, was that he would send them Pastors after his own heart, who would feed them with knowledge and understanding. The history of the church will establish the truth that the interest of Presbyterianism is closely identified with the maintainence of this relation, and the perpetuation of this scriptural office. But there are many churches in our ~~Synods~~ land and in the bounds of our Presbytery that have the gospel preached unto them year after year, without taking any step to have the pastoral relation established between themselves and those who ministed to them in holy things much against their own spiritual interest. Be it therefore

Resolved - That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that when any church within our bounds, which has had the gospel preached unto them for more than one year by the same minister, that said church and the stated supply be called upon at the next regular meeting of Presbytery to give the reasons why the necessary steps for constituting the Pastoral relation have not been taken.

Above resolution to be forwarded to churches having stated supplies.

The Stated Clerk was directed to send a copy of the resolution appended to this paper to sessions of churches having stated Supplies.

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Place and time of next meeting of Pres.

It was Resolved That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Prospect on the Third Thursday in April 1857, at 11 oclock, A.M.

The Hall of the Female College being kindly tendered to Presbytery for its remaining sessions by the President of this Institution, it was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its remaining sessions in the Hall of the Female College.

Remaining sessions of Pres. to be in the Female College Chapel.

Com. to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Messrs. Nathaniel Johnston, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, were appointed a committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison was added to the Education committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the chapel of the Female College tomorrow morning at 9 oclock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning.
Nov.r 6th 1856.
9 oclock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment in the Female College Chapel, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The order of the day was taken up; viz; handing in reports on the state of religion in the churches.

Report of com. on devotional exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Committee on Devotional exercises report that &c.
1. Psalmody by Rev. J. B. A. Wilson. 2. Prayed by Rev. A. Baker. 3. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. Jesse Rankin. 4. Address by Rev. A. W. Miller. 5. Prayed by Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. 6. Psalmody and Benediction by Rev. W. W. Thorn. And that these exercises take place on tomorrow afternoon immediately after recess. (Signed) J. H. Dellon, } Com.
J. A. Allison }

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It was Resolved. That the Stated Clerk be allowed Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) for the present year, in addition to his regular Salary.

Communication and petition respecting a proposed history of Presbyterian church referred to com.

A communication from Mr. Joseph M. Wilson of Philadelphia touching a History of the Presbyterian church by the late Rev. Richard Webster, together with a Prospectus for this work, were laid before Presbytery. Whereupon it was resolved that these papers be referred to a select committee, consisting of Rev. W.S. Cunningham, D.D, Rev. D.A. Penick, and Thos. A. Allison.

Com. to consider papers presented by Dr. Hutchison, and Rev. J.C. Alexander.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, Rev. D.A. Penick, Rev. W.W. Flack, and Dr. D. Caldwell, and Mr. Cyrus Morrison, were appointed a committee to whom were referred papers presented and read by Dr. E. Kye Hutchison, and Rev. J.C. Alexander.

Aid promised to build a church in Murphy.

Rev. J.E. McPherson was heard with reference to building a church in Murphy. After which it was Resolved. That Presbytery assume the payment of Four Hundred Dollars ($400.00) if so much is necessary, towards building a church in the village of Murphy, Cherokee county.

Churches requested to contribute to this object.

It was Resolved. That Pastors and Stated Supplies request their churches to make collections for this object as soon as convenient.

Members offered in Presbytery.

Rev. Thos. K. Paxton, and Rev. J.L. Perks, appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Ruling Elder offers.

Mr. John Hart, Ruling Elder from Steele creek church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Report of auditing com. on treasurers account of domestic Missions.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's book on domestic Missions, presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows viz: We have examined the foregoing accounts of E.F. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Mission. The charges are sustained by proper vouchers, and we find a Balance in his hands of Eight Hundred and Forty four Dollars eighty two cents ($844.82 cts) (Signed) Nathaniel Johnston, E. Kye Hutchison, } Auditing com.

Com. to audit the Treasurer's book of Publication.

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Rev. Ed. Junkin, and Mr. D.L. Torrence, were appointed a committee to audit the book of the Treasurer of Publication.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the church to hear the Report on Foreign Missions.

After recess.

Members appear in Pres.

Presbytery met. Rev. W.C. Shertz appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Letter of excuse from Mr. Chapman.

A letter was received and read from Rev. R.W. Chapman, D.D assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Report of the Agent on Foreign Missions.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to hear the Report on Foreign Missions, which was read by Presbytery's Agent, Rev. A. Baker, after which an address was made by Rev. R.H. Lafferty. The Report is as follows, viz:

In connexion with a detailed account of the funds contributed within the bounds of this Presbytery, your agent begs leave to present a very brief account of our Missionary work abroad. If there is prosperity, and activity abroad, it has a tendency to animate the laborers at home.

First of all we should render gratitude to God, for the prosperity and success of our Foreign fields. The Report of our Board shows that during the last year, the Missionary work has gone forward with manifest tokens of divine favor.

In each of the general divisions of the Missionary field, some fruit has been gathered, and the converts admitted to the communion of these churches have been more numerous than in any former year.

The contributions of our general church have been increased over those of last year $10.000, which may be regarded as an encouraging feature in the missionary work.

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Report of Agent on Foreign Missions continued.

Eighteen Missionaries, and thirty male and female assistant missionaries, making forty eight in all, have been sent out during the present year.

These are nine Missions among the different Indian Tribes, with 12 ordained Missionaries, and 60 assistants, ten schools, and more than 500 pupils. And most of these stations have been visited with the special presence of the Holy Spirit.

In Western Africa there are two Missions connected with nine stations, seven Missionaries, and fifteen assistants - five churches and 170 members; many of these churches were refreshed by revivals during the last year.

In India there are two Missions, and 15 stations, 27 ordained Missionaries, 64 assistants, 11 churches and 296 church members, 18 schools, and 1600 pupils. The last year in India has been peculiarly encouraging.

In China there are three Missions respectively at Canton, Ningpo, and Shanghai. In connexion with these, there are 12 Missionaries. 14 assistants. The church at Ningpo has been formed during the year with the addition of 12 native converts.

With these tokens of divine favor upon the labors of our Missionaries abroad, the question arises how have we performed our duty with regard to this great work? Have the fields, in which we labor been cultivated in the spirit of Missions? Have we made our offerings in prayer, that God would give to his Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession? These are questions that force themselves upon us.

It is painful to your agent to report that this Presbytery during the last year, while God is blessing the foreign fields, has declined in its interest, that is, if our contributions are a test of our feelings.

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Report continued.

The whole amount contributed the last year is $1236.16 cts. Showing a decline from last year of $519.40 cts. The following funds have been contributed by the different churches as follows:

Mocksville	$ 5.00	Bethel	$ 23.50
Steele creek	20.00	Poplar Tent	41.50
Concord church	14.60	Statesville	23.00
Shiloh	11.12½	Bethesda	9.00
Wilkesboro	6.27½	Bethpage	21.70
Morganton	10.00	Hopewell	25.00
Lenoir	7.50	Rocky River	65.00
Long creek	10.00	Sugar creek	64.15
J. H. Greenlee	10.00	Rutherfordton	5.00
Thyatira	7.00	Taylorsville	4.25
Siloam	5.00	Centre	21.00
Taylorsville by the S. S. children	5.00	Ebenezer	2.00
Back creek	16.67	Remah	27.00
Prospect	23.00	Steele creek	40.21
Unity & Macpelah	39.75	Third creek	22.30
Pleasant Hill	21.00	Concord church	16.21
Davidson College	36.40	Concord Town	37.00
Fifth creek	5.00	Hopewell	24.75
Unity (Rowan)	2.67	Bear creek	8.00
Mallard creek	28.15	Morganton	23.21
			708.56
		For checks	11.00
			$ 897.56

All of which is respectfully submitted;
(Signed) A. Baker, Agent.

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The following Resolutions were presented and adopted; viz:

Resolutions expressing foreign Missions.

1. Resolved - That this Presbytery earnestly urge upon our Pastors and Stated Supplies the duty of laying before the churches the claims of the heathen world.

2. Resolved - That the churches under our care, which do not observe the monthly concert for prayer, be urged to the performance of this duty.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock P.M. to meet in the church.

After recess.

Report of com. on papers respecting R. Agnew.

Presbytery met in the church. The order of the day for this hour was suspended, and the Judicial committee presented a Report on the case of Mr R. Agnew, which was laid on the table for the present.

Report of com. to audit book of Treasurer of Pub.

The committee to examine the book of the Treasurer of the committee of the Board of Publication presented their report which was adopted and is as follows: viz: We have examined the above account of the Treasurer of Publication and find vouchers for the amounts paid, and a balance of ($49.33 cts) forty Dollars and thirty three cents in his hands.

(Signed) E. D. Junkin, D. L. Torrence } Com.

Call from Providence church for J. Rumple.

A call from the church of Providence for one half of the pastoral services of Mr Peter Rumple in which the sum of $350.00 was promised, was read before Presbytery and being found to be in due form it was ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration.

Devotional exercises.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the Devotional exercises: After which Presbytery took a recess of 15 minutes to meet in the Female College chapel.

After recess.

Ruling Elder elects in Pres.

Presbytery met in the college chapel. Mr Wm. Matheson, Ruling Elder from the church of Taylorsville appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

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Mr. Rumple accepts the calls from Sharon and Providence.

Mr. Peter Rumple signified to Presbytery his willingness to accept of the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Sharon and Providence; Whereupon it was referred to the committee on supplies to make arrangements for his ordination and installation.

The Report relative to the case of Mr Robert Agnew was taken up.

Special com. appointed on the case of R. Agnew.

A substitute for the Report was offered, which together with the Report was committed to a special committee consisting of Revs. A. W. Miller, Rev. D. A. Penick, and Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Com. on the minutes of the Gen. Ass. report.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was laid on the table for the present.

Lay members eligible to office as members in the Board of Female College.

It was Resolved - That Lay members of the Presbyterian church as well as Ruling Elders be and they hereby are eligible to membership in the Board of Trustees of the Female College.

Resignation of 2 members of the Board F. College.

Daniel Coleman, Esq. and Mr R. D. McDowell, tendered their resignation as Trustees of the Female College. Their resignation was accepted.

Com. on nomination of Trustees in F. College.

Revs Messrs W. W. Pharr, R. H. Lafferty, and D. J. M. Rose, were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

Trustees appointed for Female College.

Messrs Robert Simonton, and J. W. Stockton were chosen to fill the vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Female College occasioned by the resignation of Daniel Coleman, Esq. and Mr R. D. McDowell.

Day of thanksgiving recommended.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted, viz;

Whereas the Chief Executive of the State has appointed the 20th inst. as a day of Thanksgiving and prayer - Resolved - That the observance of this day be recommended to all our churches.

Church of Wadesboro organized.

Rev. W. W. Pharr reported that in Aug. last, a church had been organized in the town of Wadesboro according to a previous order of Presbytery; Whereupon it was Resolved - That the church of Wadesboro be taken

unded our case and enrolled among our churches.
Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M. to meet in the College Chapel.

After recess.

Report of com. on Rev. R. Webster's History of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery met. The committee to which the subject relating to Rev. Mr. Webster's History of the Presbyterian church was referred, presented the following paper which was unanimously adopted, viz:
Whereas Mr. Joseph M. Wilson is about to publish a History of the Presbyterian church prepared by the late Richard Webster, therefore
Resolved. That this Presbytery would cordially recommend to all the ministers and members of our churches to supply themselves with this work.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees to fill vacancies in D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees in Davidson College to fill vacancies presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to nominate Trustees in Davidson College to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Hugh R. Hall, and the resignation of Dr. J. Houston, recommend that Mr. Joseph R. Gillespie be appointed in the place of Hugh R. Hall, Dec'd, and that Mr. Elvin R. Harris be appointed in the place of Dr. J. Houston, resigned.

Statistical report presented.

The Stated clerk read the Statistical report prepared for Synod, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Standing rule repealed.

The Standing Rule, requiring commissioners to the General Assembly to report to Presbytery their expenses, was repealed.

Distribution of blank reformed statistical reports.

It was Resolved. That there be furnished to each Pastoral charge ten copies of the blank statistical reformed Reports, and that the remainder of the blank statistics remain in the hands of the Stated clerk for future distribution.

Report of com. on supplies.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee on Supplies recommend the following appointments: viz:

Report of com. on Supplies.

Rev. P. J. Penick spend one Sabbath at Bethlehem.
Rev. J. C. Kennedy, two Sabbaths " "
Rev. J. Rumple, one Sabbath at Monroe.
Rev. J. E. Morrison, one Sabbath at Lebanon.
Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Wm. W. Pharr, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D., each one Sabbath at Hopewell.
Rev. R. H. Lafferty, one Sabbath at Philadelphia.
Rev. J. W. Erwin, one Sabbath at Taylorsville.
Rev. G. D. Parks, one Sabbath at Olney.
Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D., one Sabbath at Dallas.
Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, one Sabbath at Lincoln.
Rev. Drury Lacy, one Sabbath at Centre.

The committee further recommend that Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting in the church of Sharon on Thursday before the second Sabbath of Jan., 1857, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose, if the way be clear, of ordaining and installing Mr. Jethro Rumple over the church of Sharon. And that Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. preside, propose the constitutional questions, offer the ordaining prayer, and deliver the charge to the pastor; that Rev. A. W. Miller preach the sermon; and that Rev. W. W. Pharr deliver the charge to the people. That Rev. D. Lacy be alternate to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D.; Rev. R. H. Lafferty be alternate to Rev. A. W. Miller; and Rev. P. J. Penick be alternate to Rev. W. W. Pharr. And that Ephesians II: 8, be assigned Mr. Rumple as the text for his trial sermon.
The committee further recommend that Mr. Rumple be installed over the church of Providence on Friday before the third Sabbath in Jan. That Rev. G. D. Parks preach the sermon, and deliver the charge to the pastor, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. deliver the charge to the people. That the Rev. A. W. Miller be alternate to the Rev. Geo. D. Parks, and that the Rev.

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R. H. Lafferty be alternate to the Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) H.B. Cunningham, Chairman of com.

Report of com on the Minutes of the General Assembly

The report of the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was again taken up and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee to examine the minutes of the General Assembly would report that they have attended to the duty assigned them. They find several items to which they would call the attention of the Presbytery.

1st In accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly they would enjoin upon all our ministers and churches under their care the observance of the last Thursday in Feb as the day of humiliation and prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit upon our institutions of learning.

2d They would call especial attention to the Colporteur operations of the Board of Publication widening in extent, and increasing in interest every year, urging increased and regular contributions from the churches.

3d They would call attention to two Resolutions on page 524 on the subject of church extension (2d & 3d). These resolutions are as follows

2d Resolved. That we highly approve of the determination of the committee to endeavour to dispense with salaried collecting agents.

3d Resolved. That in view of that determination, and the great intrinsic importance of the church extension work, the Assembly would "earnestly and affectionately enjoin it upon all our churches to take up collections annually for this object and upon all Presbyteries to see that this is done."

4th Sessions directed to keep a reserved roll for persons who have removed from their bounds without letters whose residence is unknown, and who shall not be entered in the statistical Report.

The following Resolutions relative to church extension were read and adopted, viz;

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Church Extension and the appointment of a com. for this purpose.

1. Resolved. That a committee of three members of this Presbytery called the committee of church extension be appointed, whose duty it shall be to receive the funds collected within the bounds of this Presbytery in behalf of the cause of church extension, and appropriate these funds to the purpose of building churches within our own bounds.

2d Resolved. That this committee make an annual report to the Presbytery during its spring sessions the amount of moneys received and the manner in which they have been expended.

The following persons were appointed the church extension committee: Revs. P. J. Pinick, Rev. A. Baker, and Dr. E. Ny. Hutchison.

The Stated clerk was directed to publish an abstract of the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery in the "Central Presbyterian".

Report of Presbytery's agent and Treasurer of the Board of Pub

Presbytery's agent and Treasurer of the Board of Publication presented his report, which was accepted and approved, and is as follows viz;

Treasurer of Board of Publication begs leave to report the following. Since the last annual report was made he has received Two Hundred and Seventeen Dollars and forty three cts. from the following churches:

Rocky River	$ 30.41	Marion	$ 9.50
Morganton	5.11	Centre	14.00
Ebenezer	4.00	Sugar creek	10.13
Statesville	6.00	Unity & Macpelah	22.51
Concord Town	16.00	Third creek	18.85
Back creek	8.00	Fifth creek	2.00
Bethpage	10.00	Salisbury	31.00
Poplar Tent	7.00	Morganton	5.11
Bethesda	6.00	Troutville	3.00
Ebenezer	4.00	Mocksville	6.00
Thyatira	3.95	Total	$ 217.43

This amount has nearly all been forwarded to the Board and the receipts are now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Statesville, Nov. 1856. (Signed) T. H. Dalton.

Report of com. on papers from the session of Charlotte church, and other papers, asking for a plan by which Domestic Missions may be carried on more efficiently.

The Committee on the papers presented and read by Dr. E. Key Hutchison from the church of Charlotte, and Rev. J. C. Alexander, presented their report. The resolutions contained in this report were taken up seriatim. All the resolutions except the 2d were adopted.

The 2d resolution was amended and the blank filled up with $1000.00. as the salary of the proposed Evangelist, after which this resolution was adopted. The report as amended was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom were referred the communication from the church of Charlotte with certain other resolutions relating to the same general subject beg leave to report.

That after attentively considering the purport of those papers we recommend the passage of the following resolutions as embracing all the action we can properly take on the points they contain.

I. Resolved - That in order to give greater efficiency to our Domestic Missionary operations, and especially in our mountain country, it is desirable that an Evangelist be appointed to travel and preach throughout our whole field, and organize churches wherever suitable materials are found, select proper locations for missionaries, to exert his influence to excite those feeble churches to contribute in a proper measure for the support of missionaries planted among them, and to aid the missionaries as far as his superior age and experience may enable him in advancing the cause of true religion in their respective localities; and that Presbytery will appoint such an agent whenever a man suitable in their judgment can be found.

II. Resolved - That in order to secure his exclusive devotedness to that

work he be allowed a salary of One Thousand Dollars ($1000.00) per annum.

III. Resolved - That it be the duty of this Evangelist aided by his own personal efforts, or by suggestions to the Pastor and Elders, where he supposes that will be sufficient, to endeavour to bring the old and self-sustaining churches up to a proper liberality to meet the expenses incident to carrying out this plan of operation.

IV. Resolved - That it be the duty of this Evangelist in visiting the older churches to call the attention of such churches to the importance of so supporting their pastors as that they may be able to give themselves wholly to their pastoral duties. And that where he finds stated supplies he remind them of the duty of forming the pastoral relation, and urge the congregations to raise if possible such a salary as would justify their preacher in becoming their pastor.

V. Resolved - That it be the duty of this Evangelist in visiting vacant churches to remind them distinctly that when they receive supplies sent them by Presbytery, or otherwise, it is but a matter of common justice to pay the minister so visiting them a reasonable compensation for their labor and expense.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, D. J. Penick, D. J. Caldwell } Com.

congregations enjoined to pay the expenses of delegates and minister to Synod & Pres.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to elect an Evangelist as contemplated in the 1st Resolution above.

It was Resolved - That all the congregations under the care of Presbytery be enjoined to pay the expenses incurred by their Pastors (or Stated Supplies) and Elders in attending the sessions of Synod and Presbytery.

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com. to report on the union of the German Reformed church with our church.

Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, T. J. Pierick, A. Baker, and McLeyous Morrison were appointed a committee to bring in a report on the union of the Presbyterian and German Reformed churches.

Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning,
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9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr. Abner McCoy, Ruling Elder from the church of Lincolnton appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Narrative for Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion for Synod presented their report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

Narrative of the state of Religion within the bounds of Concord Presbytery.

The largest number of our sixty three churches, have handed in written statements of their progress during the last year. The most of them make encouraging reports, and rejoice in what the Lord has done for them, and very few are heard to mourn over the drought, and desolations of Zion. It is true that some report themselves as being stationary, though they enjoy external prosperity. their people are devotedly attached to the ordinances of the church, keep up prayer meetings, and Sabbath schools. With these tokens of divine favor, they have hope for a future harvest. While others breathe the calm spirit of patience, and endurance under discouragements, and impediments, not without hope that all these obstacles will pass away in due time.

Most of the churches speak of good congregations, that are always decorous

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and often solemn.

Bible classes and Sabbath schools are kept up in a great number of our churches and especially during the summer months.

The spirit of Missions both Domestic and Foreign seems to be taking a deep hold upon the churches, and from present indications, the hearts of God's people will soon be cheered by copious blessings from the Great Head of the church. Our Male College bids fair to answer the expectations, and prayers of its founders, and supporters. At a recent communion there were two additions of students on examination. Thirty one of 35 students communed - of whom fifteen are candidates for the ministry. Also our Female College is opening with fair, and encouraging prospects.

Six of our churches speak of refreshing revivals, when numbers were added on examination, and in one instance when a number of the professed members came to the inquiry meeting, seeking light with those who were recently convicted of sin. Among these churches one charge reports and addition, on examination, of 108 members, enrolled 32 and in many instances they report an indefinite number.

Systematic benevolence seems to be on the advance. The Boards of the church, and church extension, though neglected by many, are heartily responded to, by the great majority of our churches. But while we report these tokens of divine favor we feel deeply our short comings as a Presbytery which drives us to the throne of grace, where we are assured that we shall find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) A. Baker, Chairman.

Resolution relative to the location & labors of the ordained church of Longona.

The following resolution relative to the church of Longona, now extinct, was adopted; viz; Resolved. That this Presbytery recommend that the committee of Shiloh church appointed for that purpose pro-

-ceed to make a good title to the Methodist Episcopal church of the property originally belonging to the Smyrna church, and that the proceeds of the sale of said property be appropriated to the benefit of the Shiloh church.

The committee on the union of the Presbyterian and German Reformed Churches presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Report of com. on the union of the German Reformed church of North Carolina with our church.

Resolved. That this Presbytery admires the firm and manly stand taken by the members of the German Reformed Classis in North Carolina against the errors of their brethren north; that we sympathize with them in their segregated condition, that we esteem them as an orthodox body, and that we appoint a committee to confer with them to apprise them of our feelings towards them, and to see if it be practicable to unite with us, and invite them to send a deputation to our Presbytery at its next meeting.

The same committee; viz; Revs. Jesse Rankin, Rev. D. J. Pemick, Rev. A. Baker, and Mr. Cyrus Morrison, was continued until Synod to confer with any similar committee of Orange Presbytery.

Election of an Evangelist.

After prayer by the Moderator for divine direction, Presbytery proceeded to the election, by ballot, of an Evangelist, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Jesse Rankin.

Report of com. on the case of Robert Agnew.

The committee on the papers referring to Mr. R. Agnew presented their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Whereas this Presbytery, having heard rumors of the unchristian conduct of Mr. Robert Agnew, a Licentiate under its care, residing in Winnsboro, S. C., addressed a letter to the session of Scion church, Winnsboro, asking for reliable information touching these rumors:

And whereas, upon the authority of a communication purporting to

-emenate from the Session of said church, bearing the official signature of Mr. Jas. R. Aiken, Clerk of session, and which confirmed all said rumors, Presbytery did recall the license of Mr. Agnew.—

And whereas, subsequently, Presbytery has been furnished with proof, by the testimony of all the other Elders of the Winnsboro church, that they had no knowledge whatever, either of the letter of Presbytery, or of Mr. Aikens reply, which therefore did not proceed from the session, but from Mr. Aiken alone (with whom Mr. Agnew had his difficulty) and who himself also affirms that his letter to this Presbytery was not intended as official: And whereas, the session of Columbia church, S. C. of which Mr. Agnew is a member, having carefully investigated his case, did consider him deserving of no higher censure than admonition, but still entitled to all the privileges of the church. Therefore

1. Resolved. That Presbytery regret that they were misled by the communication referred to, which led to their action in Mr. Agnews case.

2. Resolved. That Presbytery endorse the action of the session of Columbia church, as justified by facts.

3. Nevertheless Resolved. That whilst we cheerfully accord to Mr. Agnew all the benefit touching his moral character to be had from the action of Columbia church session; still, inasmuch as he was convicted of moral impropriety upon his own confession before the session of Columbia, inasmuch also as he himself approves of the recalling of his licensure, has entirely declined the office of the ministry, saying that he never expects to preach the gospel, and is devoting himself to secular employments; Presbytery with these concessions to Mr. Agnews moral character, reaffirm the decision of this body which recalled his licensure.

The committee to audit the account of Rev. A. Thaw, late Treasurer of

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Report of com. to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the com. of Education

the committee of the Board of Education presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee appointed to audit the account of J.C. Rhea, late Treasurer of the committee of the Board of Education report that the account is correct, that the error ($4.62½) which appeared resulted from the omission of the interest due on notes held by the committee. (Signed) P.J. Penick
J.A. Allison, } Com.
H.B. Cunningham }

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It was Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery are hereby tendered to the people of Statesville and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining the members of this body, and that this resolution be communicated to the people by the Pastor of the church.

Presbytery adjourned to meet, at the call of the Moderator, in Fayetteville during the sessions of Synod. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

A.W. Miller, Mod.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N.B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz: Revs. Messrs. W.S. Rhea, R.H. Morrison, D.L. J. Wontis, A. Lindsley, J.E. Monison, Wm. S. Morrison, Wm. C. Sutton, Thos. C. Davis.

At the meeting of Synod.
Fayetteville, N.C.
Friday, Nov. 14th 1856.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs A.A. Penick, J.B.O. Wilson, Jesse Rankin, H.B. Cunningham, D.L. Wm. C. Sutton, R.H. Lafferty, W.W. Rhea, A. Bekes, A.W. Miller, P.J. Penick, B.L. Beall, S.C. Alexander, E.D. Junkin; Ruling Elders, D.E. Nye Hutchison, and John A. White.

Rev. Jesse Rankin signified to Presbytery his acceptance of the appointment as Evangelist, to which Presbytery recently elected him.

Rev'd. Rankin accepts the appointment of Evangelist.

Presbytery took a recess, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Saturday, Nov. 15th 1856.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. The following resolution was adopted - Resolved - That the Domestic Missionary Committee be instructed to correspond with the Board of Missions, and ascertain whether it will commission our Evangelist with the salary of $1000.00

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church of Sharon on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Jan. 1857 at 11 o'clock, A.M. Closed with prayer.

A.W. Miller, Mod.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Sharon Church,
Thursday, Jan. 8th 1857
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present Rev. Messrs. H.B. Cunningham, D.D., W.W. Rhea, A. Bekes, R.H. Lafferty, P.J. Penick, A.W. Miller, J.J. Parks; Ruling Elders, Messrs. Levi Rumple, Jos. Parks, P.C. Berringer, D. Brice, & J.A. Young.

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Trial sermon of Mr. Rumple.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will now proceed to hear the trial Sermon of Mr. Peter Rumple, the candidate for ordination, which he accordingly preached from Ep. II. 8: the text previously assigned. The sermon was referred to a committee for examination, consisting of Revs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Mr. P. C. Berringer.

Com. to examine the sermon.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Thos. J. Johnston, Ruling Elder from the church of Fair creek appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Mr. Rumple examined on Theology and ecclesiastical history.

Presbytery examined Mr. Rumple on Theology and having proceeded to some extent in his examination on Ecclesiastical History it was for the present suspended.

Dissolution of the pastoral relation between Rev. J. H. Dalton and the churches of Fourth creek and Bethesda.

Rev. J. H. Dalton requested, by letter, that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Fourth creek and Bethesda, be be dissolved. Communications were received and read from the churches of Fourth creek and Bethesda, giving their consent that the relation be dissolved. The Standing Rule touching the dissolution of the pastoral relation was suspended in this case, and the request was granted, and the churches of Fourth creek and Bethesda were declared vacant.

Request of Rev. A. W. Miller for the dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Charlotte refused.

Rev. A. W. Miller requested that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Charlotte be dissolved.

The delegation from the church of Charlotte was fully heard opposing the dissolution of this relation.

Having heard Mr. Miller, and the church, through its delegates, and the members of Presbytery having freely expressed their views, it was unanimously Resolved. That the request of Rev. A. W. Miller be not granted.

Leave of absence granted.

Revs. P. J. Benick, Rev. A. Baker, Mr. P. C. Berringer, Gen. John A. Young, and Mr. Thos. J. Johnston obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

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Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Dr. J. W. Ross at 6½ o'clock, P. M.

House of Dr. J. W. Ross,
6½ o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met. Present, Revs. Messrs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D., W. W. Hall, A. W. Miller, R. H. Lafferty, Dr. J. W. Ross, and Mr. Levi Rumple.

Examination of Mr. Rumple concluded.

Presbytery took up the unfinished business, viz: the examination of Mr. Rumple with a view to his ordination. He was examined on Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, Discipline, the Sacraments, the Greek and Hebrew Languages, Moral Philosophy, and Natural Philosophy.

Examination sustained and Rev. brethren to proceed with the ordination.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Rumples trial sermon reported, recommending its approval. His report was adopted.

Having brought the examination to a termination, it was Resolved. That the entire examination of Mr. Rumple be and it hereby is sustained and approved, and that Presbytery will proceed to the ordination services on to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the church on to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock. Closed with Prayer.

Sharon Church,
Friday, Jan. 9th 1857.
10½ o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Present, Revs. Messrs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D., W. W. Hall, R. H. Lafferty, A. W. Miller, G. D. Parks; Messrs. Levi Rumple, Dr. J. W. Ross, and Thos. B. Price.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the ordination services. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Miller from I. Tim. IV. 16:

Sharon Church, Friday, Jan. 9th 1857.

Ordination of Mr. Rumple.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. presided and proposed the constitutional questions to the candidate, and likewise to the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative Jethro Rumple by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the full work of the ministry and installed pastor of the church of Sharon. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. delivered the charge to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. W. W. Hoge delivered the charge to the Congregation.

Rev. J. D. Parks stated to Presbytery that the state of his health was such that he could not preach the sermon at the installation of Mr. Rumple nor work in Providence as directed by Presbytery. Whereupon Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. was directed to perform this duty in addition to the other part that was assigned him in this service.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Prospect on Thursday, April 16th 1857, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

A. W. Miller, Mod.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Statistical Report of Presbytery to Synod in the Fall of 1856.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 34 Ministers, and have under their care 63 churches, 5 Licentiates, and 10 Candidates; that on the 6th day of Oct. 1855, they installed Rev. J. D. Junkin over the church of Bethel; that on the 24th day of Nov. 1855 they installed Rev. A. W. Miller over the church of Charlotte; that on the 11th day of April 1856, they received, as a member, by certificate, Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. from the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day they dissolved

the pastoral relation existing between Rev. R. C. Reed, D.D. and the united congregations of Sharon and Providence, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. R. C. Reed, D.D. to connect himself with the Presbytery of Knoxville, Tenn.; that on the same day they dismissed Mr. J. L. Barr, a Licentiate, with a view of putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark.; that on the 14th day of April 1856, they licensed L. L. Stewart, and John C. Stewart to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry; that on the 15th day of April 1856, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and the church of Hopewell, and declared said church vacant; that on the 26th day of April 1856, they ordained B. L. Rhodes to the full work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Bethany and Tabor; that on the 25th day of May 1856, they deposed Rev. W. L. Allen from the ministry, and excommunicated him from the church; that on the 13th day of June 1856, they licensed John S. Harris to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy ministry; that on the same day they ordained J. D. Parks to the full work of the ministry, and installed him Pastor of the united congregations of Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill; that on the 31st day of July 1856, they licensed Wm. W. Hoge and Jethro Rumple, to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry; that on the 8th day of Aug. 1856, they installed Rev. Walter L. Pharr Pastor of the church of Ramah; that on the 5th day of Nov. 1856, they received Rev. Jesse Rankin, as a member, from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. J. Williamson, D.D. with a view to connect himself with the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark.; that on the same day they dismissed John S. Harris, a Licentiate, with the view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the same day they received, as a member from the Presbytery of Bethel Rev. J. W. Erwin; and that on the same day they received under their care the newly organized church of Wadesboro.

By order of Presbytery.

Nov. 6th 1856.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Prospect church, Rowan county, N.C.
Thursday, April 16th 1857
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. A. W. Miller, the Moderator, from Ps. LXXXIV. 1: "How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" Constituted with prayer. Present

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. W. S. Rhea,	Messrs Elam Templeton,
R. H. Morrison, D.D.,	R. I. McDowell,
S. Frontis,	Rufus Ramsay,
J. S. Hall,	Wm Rutledge,
S. B. O. Wilson,	
W. B. Cunningham, D.D.,	Thos. J. Johnston,
R. H. Chapman, D.D.,	J. G. Hervey,
W. W. Rhea,	E. K. Harris,
J. N. Pexton,	
J. E. Davis,	
R. N. Davis,	J. H. Ramsour,
R. H. Lafferty,	R. A. McNeely,
Jesse Rankin,	
A. W. Miller,	John A. Young,
P. H. Dalton,	
P. J. Penick,	Robt. R. Brown,
B. L. Beall,	
W. S. Moore,	R. A. H. Neagle,
J. W. Ervin,	J. B. Thomas, Shiloh church,
	Ross Stephenson, Concord Ch.

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. L. C. Alexander,	Messrs.
E. D. Junkin,	Joseph Rumple,
B. L. Rider,	
G. D. Parks,	J. H. McDowell,
Jethro Rumple,	Wm N. McKee,
	R. H. Morrison, Rocky River Ch.
	A. B. Davidson, Hopewell Ch.
	J. C. Ford, Unity Ch. (Rowan Co)
	Thos Brown, Joppa Ch.
	Thos A. Allison, Fourth creek Ch.
	A. C. McIntosh, Taylorsville Ch.
	Dr Tate, Morganton Ch.
	Wm Beaver, Philadelphia Ch.
	G. L. Robison, Bethesda Ch.
	L. L. Trott, Franklin Ch. (Rowan Co)

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After Recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Dr Tate, Ruling Elder from Morganton church, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. for Moderator, and Revs. R. N. Davis, and Rev. B. L. Beall, temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect was then inducted into office.

Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr J. D. Johnston, Ruling Elder from Third creek church appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Corresponding member.

Rev. J. W. McLean of the Presbytery of Brooklyn (N. Y.) being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Minutes of last meeting read.

The Minutes of the last semi-annual meeting and of the adjourned meeting were read.

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Members absent from last meeting assign reasons of absence.

The members who were absent from the last meeting of Presbytery were called upon for their reasons of absence, which being rendered, was sustained as satisfactory.

Report of those appointed to supply vacant churches.

The reports of those appointed to supply vacant churches showed that the duties assigned them had been generally discharged.

Standing Rules Read.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Letters from absent members.

Letters were received and read from Revs R. A. Penick, Rev. John E. McPherson, and Revs Thos. P. Johnston, assigning reasons for their absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Letter from Rev. T. P. Johnston referred to com.

A communication from Revs Thos. P. Johnston was laid before Presbytery, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., B. T. Rivers, and T. E. Davis.

Licentiate dismissed to another Pres.

Mr. John Curtis Stewart, a Licentiate of this Presbytery, asked to be dismissed from this Presbytery, with a view of putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama. His request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a Letter of dismission.

Rev A. W. Miller called to Tabb Street Church, Petersburg, Va.

The Tabb street Church, Petersburg, Va., under the care of East Hanover Presbytery, having obtained leave from said Presbytery, prosecuted a call before this Presbytery for the pastoral services of Rev. A. W. Miller, pastor of the church of Charlotte, the amount specified in the call being $2000, whereupon, Presbytery ordered the call to be placed in his hands for consideration. Mr. Miller, having signified his acceptance of this call, and the Church of Charlotte, through their commissioners, having given their consent to a dissolution of the pastoral relation, was released from his present charge, the Church of Charlotte was declared vacant, and Mr. Miller was dismissed at his own request, to connect himself

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with the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to hand in sessional records, and Statistical Reports.

Committees appointed.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz:
On Devotional Exercises – Revs E. D. Jenkins, and Joseph Rumple.
On Supplies – Revs Jesse Rankin, Rev W. S. Moore, and Mr. A. D. Davidson.
On Narrative to General Assembly – Revs W. W. Thaw, Rev. S. B. D. Wilson, and Mr. Rob. Stephenson.
Judicial Committee – Revs R. H. Morrison, D.D., Rev S. Fronts, Rev Thos. N. Payton, Messrs. T. J. Johnston, and E. R. Harris.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hand in reports on the state of religion in the different Churches.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning.
April 17th 1857.
9 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.
The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Members appears in Pres.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.

Corresponding member.

Rev. Wm G. Campbell, of the Presbytery of Lexington, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Ruling Elders appear in Pres.

Mr. T. A. Davis, Ruling Elder from the Church of Salisbury,

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and Mr John Grahson, Ruling Elder from the Church of Thyatira, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

The order of the day was taken up; viz: handing in Statistical Reports and Sessional Records.

Committees to examine Sessional Records.

The following committees were appointed to examine Sessional Records and report on them, viz:

To examine the records of Mallard Creek, and Ramah — Revs R. H. Morrison, D.D., and R. I. McDowell.

Revs S. Frontis, and Rufus Ramsay, to examine the records of Macpelah, Unity (Lincoln co), and Salisbury.

Revs J. D. Hall, and Wm Rutledge — Third Creek, and Fifth Creek.

Revs D. B. O. Wilson, and T. J. Johnston — New Hope.

Revs H. B. Cunningham, D.D., and E. R. Harris — Asheville.

Revs T. K. Sexton, and R. A. McNeely — Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Philadelphia, and Center.

Revs W. W. Hoard, and J. H. Remsen — Marion and Bruceville.

Revs R. H. Lafferty, and R. A. H. Knox — Lincolnton, Long Creek, and Taylorsville.

Revs Jesse Rankin, and J. B. Thomas — Sugar Creek.

Revs P. H. Delton, and Joseph Rumple — Lenoir.

Revs P. J. Penick, and J. H. McDowell — Charlotte, Franklin, Hopewell, and Rocky River.

Revs B. L. Rhodes, and T. A. Allison — Prospect, and Bethel.

Revs E. D. Parks, and A. C. McIntosh — Bethany and Tabor.

Revs J. Rumple, and Wm Brown — Steele Creek, and Reese's Hill.

Revs H. B. Cunningham, D.D., and D. I. Trott — Morganton, and College Church.

Revs T. E. Davis, and Gen. J. A. Young — Sharon, and Providence.

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Revs D. C. Alexander — Hopewell.

Revs J. D. Hall, and G. L. Robison — Unity Church (Rowan co)

Revs A. W. Miller, and Ross Stephenson — Concord Town.

Revs W. S. Moore, and R. H. Morrison — Fourth Creek.

Revs T. W. Cowan, and A. B. Davidson — Franklin, (Macon co)

Revs S. C. Alexander, and J. C. Ford — Shiloh, and Concord.

Revs E. D. Junkin, and J. Brown — Thyatira, and Back Creek.

Order of the day.

The 2d order of the day was taken up, viz: handing in narratives on the state of religion in the different Churches. These papers were placed in the hands of the committee to prepare a narrative for the General Assembly.

Report of com. Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises ~~presented this report~~, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on Devotional Exercises recommend the adoption of the following order for the Presbyterial prayer meeting:

1. Psalmody by Rev B. L. Rhodes.
2. Reading the Scriptures and prayer by Rev E. D. Parks.
3. Address by Rev R. H. Morrison, D.D.
4. Prayer and Psalmody by Rev P. J. Penick.
5. Benediction by the Moderator.

And that these exercises take place today immediately after the recess. (Signed) E. D. Junkin, J. Rumple, } Committee.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day immediately after the Devotional Exercises, to hear the report of the committee on Church Extension.

Rev P. H. Delton tendered the resignation of his office as Treasurer of the Board of Publication. His resignation was accepted,

and Rev. C. D. Junkin was appointed to fill this office.

Auditing Committee of Treasurer of Tubs account.

Rev. J. N. Paxton, and D. A. Davis, were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of Rev. P. J. Walton, late Treasurer of Publication.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, for 11 o'clock, A.M. viz: hearing the report on Domestic Missions. The report was read by the committee's Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. after which, addresses were delivered on this subject by Revs. Jesse Rankin, Rev. W. W. Shaw, Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Rev. J. W. McLean. The report was approved, and is as follows, viz;

Report of Com. on Domestic Missions

The committee of Domestic Missions present to Presbytery the following report of their operations during the last year.

The following Missionary fields have been occupied:

1st Rev. James E. Morrison has preached regularly at Wadesboro in Anson County, and occasionally in Union county. A Church has been organized in Wadesboro consisting of 28 members.

A Sabbath school of 80 scholars has been instructed part of the year, and a Bible class of nearly the same numbers. A weekly prayer meeting has been observed.

The friends of Presbyterianism in this Town are much encouraged with the hope that with the blessing of God upon the truth, this infant church may grow in numbers and strength.

During the year 1856 they asked and received aid to the amount of one hundred and fifty Dollars. For the present year, they have only asked the assistance to the amount of one hundred Dollars.

The Church of Lebanon, Anson County, has recently become connected with Wadesboro, and it is hoped that these two Churches may soon become a self sustaining charge. Mr. Morrison's commission dates from Jan. 1st 1857 to the end of the year to the amount of $100.—

2d. Rev. Thos. E. Davis has labored during the year at Rutherfordton, Little Britain, and Duncan's creek. The attendance on Divine Worship is regarded as good. Several interesting additions to the Church.

The committee are gratified in reporting the churches of this field as improving in strength and liberality, and that they will regard themselves hereafter as self sustaining. Mr. Davis has received aid to the amount of $150, and his commission will expire the 1st of May, 1857.

3d. Rev. Thos. N. Paxton ministers to the churches of Marion, Siloam, and Drusilla, in McDowell county. Although the health of this Missionary has been impaired, it is gratifying to report that he has been able to preach regularly once on the Sabbath, and frequently during the week, throughout the year.

Three Sabbath Schools have been taught, and three classes on the "Confession of Faith".

A more interesting state of things is visible in this field, than for many years past, especially in the Church of Marion. Some very important additions have been made to the Church, the attendance increased, and difficulties overcome.

Mr. Paxton receives aid to the amount of $100, and his commission dates from Aug. 15th 1856, to Aug. 15th 1857.

4th. Rev. D. Chapman has labored at Asheville and Swannanoa, in Buncombe county. Large and solemn and increasing attentiveness on the means of grace. A very flourishing Sabbath School is kept up. A weekly Lecture has been delivered.

The church in Asheville is growing in strength and influence and by a very liberal and united effort has become self sustaining

and commenced contributions to the cause of Missions. It is gratifying to report this small church, that we have long fostered amid many poor and difficulties, as now strong in faith, and in self-sebying efforts. Bro. Chapman receives aid to the amount of $200, and his commission will expire on the 1st of June, 1858.

5th. Rev. Wm. L. Moore preaches to the Churches of Franklin and Ebenezer in Macon county.

The congregations although small, are reported as increasing. Two Sabbath schools have been taught. One Bible class, and a class on the Confession of Faith. Two additions to the Church.

Want of liberality in supporting the gospel is a great difficulty in this field. The two churches contribute only about $125.00 to the support of their Missionary. Mr. Moore receives aid to the amount of $200 and his commission dates from Nov. 1st 1856 to Nov. 1st 1857.

6th. Rev. John E. McPherson occupies Cherokee county, and has preached regularly at Hiwassee, Valley River, Murphy, and Tusquitee. One Bible class taught, and one Sabbath School. The attendence on Divine Worship reported as good. The Missionary mourns over the event of visible fruit to his labors. Bibles and Religious Books have been circulated.

A House of worship is now in progress in Murphy.

This field like the preceding one, is greatly deficient in supporting the gospel - giving to their Missionary only about $70 - Mr. McPherson receives aid to the amount of $250, and his commission dates with the year.

Order of the day re. report of Evangelist.

It was made the order of the day to hear the report of our Evangelist Rev. Jesse Rankin, immediately after the report on Church Extension.

Call from Fourth Creek, cleared to Rev. W. W. Hurd

A call, promising a salary of $800, from the Church of Fourth creek, asking for the translation of Rev. Walter W. Hurd from his present pastoral charge to said church, was read. The commissioners from Fourth Creek was heard; after which the call was directed to be placed in the hands of Mr. Hurd for consideration.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Devotional Exercises.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: The devotional exercises.

Leave of absence granted.

Revs. G. D. Parks, Rev. T. H. Dalton, Rev. W. L. Moore, and Mr. J. H. McDowell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after today.

The order of the day was taken up, viz: the report of the committee on Church Extension. The report was made by the chairman of the committee, Rev. T. J. Penick, and approved, and is as follows, viz:

Report of com. on Church Extension.

First Annual Report of the Church Extension Committee of the Presbytery of Concord.

In making this first Report to Presbytery in relation to the subject of Church Extension within our bounds, the committee feel greatly the need of materials with which to make a full and satisfactory report. This we trust will be better supplied by the end of another year.

At a meeting of the committee on the day of Dr. E. Ky. Hutchison was appointed Treasurer. During the month of January, the committee issued a circular to the churches within the bounds of Presbytery, setting forth the importance of the work of Church Extension, and the advantages of a systematic plan in

ordered to secure the greatest success - and urged them to contribute to this enterprise, and forward their contributions to the Treasurer before the spring sessions of Presbytery.

It is not to be expected that in the short time in which this important subject has been brought to the consideration of the Churches, the sympathies and pious co-operation of our people will be fully secured in its behalf.

The numerous and interesting, but humiliating and painful facts in relation to the destitutions in our Domestic Missionary field have not yet been collected and presented with their proper force to our people. Neither is it to be expected that the Ministers in our Presbytery who have the charge of our Churches can be as interested in this subject as we hope they will be when they have more thoroughly examined it, and a greater number of facts is presented to their minds. Consequently, but few of the churches have as yet responded to the call of the committee. The churches which contributed to the cause of Church Extension from the time of the appointment of the committee, last fall, to the 14th day of April, together with the amount each Church contributed, are the following:

Bethel,	$15.00	Charlotte,	$207.25
Concord (Iredell co.)	8.55	Sugar Creek,	25.00
Marion,	7.00	Gibson,	10.00
Gilboam,	4.00	Pea Creek,	10.00
Concord Town,	36.00	Total -	$326.80

The following is the list of Churches from which the committee has received no contributions to this cause:

Mallard creek,	Unity (Lincoln co)	Hopewell,
Ramah,	Macpelah,	Centre,

Rocky River,	Hiwassee,	Morganton,
Bethlehem,	Poplar Tent,	Ebenezer,
Shiloh,	Bethpage,	Franklin, (Macon co)
Monroe,	Brusilla,	Hyatica,
Lenoir,	Franklin, (Rowan co.)	Back creek,
Goshen,	Lebanon,	College Church,
New Hope,	Rutherfordton,	Prospect,
Third creek,	Little Britain,	Asheville,
Pleasant Hill,	Providence,	Bethany,
Fifth creek,	Olney,	Tabor,
Rhiems creek,	Duncans creek,	Hendersonville,
Savannaca,	Lincolnton,	Steele Creek,
Salisbury,	Long creek,	Dallas,
Salem,	Fourth creek,	Unity, (Rowan co)
Taylorsville,	Bethesda,	Joppa,
Wilkesboro,	Philadelphia,	Widesboro.

It is perceived that only 10 of the 64 churches under the care of the Presbytery have obeyed its injunction. It is to be hoped however, that in our next report we shall be able to say that a large number of the churches has discharged the duty laid upon them by the Presbytery.

By order of Presbytery the first appropriation of $400 will be made to the Presbyterian Church in the town of Murphy, Cherokee county, whenever that amount of money is contained in the Treasury, and the committee is satisfied that the Church Lot is fully secured to the Old School Presbyterian Church, and the sum of $400 given by the committee, will complete the Church building, and leave the property free of debt.

The committee has passed the Resolution that no appropriation

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made to any church shall be paid until the committee is in possession of some such certificate as the following:

We, the undersigned, Trustees of.....Presbyterian Church, in the bounds of Concord Presbytery, County of....., and State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that our church lot is fully paid for, and secured to the Old School Presbyterian Church, by a sufficient deed, and the sum necessary, with the appropriation of the Church Extension Committee, to finish our church edifice, is actually collected and expended upon it, so that the ——— dollars granted by the Church Extension Committee, will complete our house of worship, and leave the whole property free from debt and liability of every kind.

And that we ascertain the localities where the funds of the church committed to our charge may be most judiciously expended, we have resolved to require from the Churches asking our aid, answers to the following questions. (It will be seen that these questions are the same as those which are asked by the Church Extension Committee of the General Assembly.)

1. What is the size, material, and estimated cost of your building?
2. What was the cost of your church lot, and is it near the centre of the population, or not?
3. What amount is actually subscribed towards your building?
4. How much of this is subscribed by members of your church?
5. How much by members of your congregation?
6. How much by those not members of either your church or congregation?
7. If your church has applied for aid outside of your own community, please state when, at what place, and with what results at each place?

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8. When was your church organized?
9. What is its present number of members, and what is its prospect of growth?
10. What has been the average size of your congregation the past year?
11. In what place, or places have you hitherto worshiped?
12. Have you regular preaching, and how often?
13. What is the present population of your community, and the number of its churches, and Church Edifices?
14. How far are you from the nearest Presbyterian Church, and house of worship?
15. What is the smallest sum from the Church Extension Committee, that will enable you to complete your house of worship, and leave the whole property free from debt?
16. At what time will your house probably be completed, and so far paid for, that the appropriation asked of the committee will free the whole property from every liability?
17. Please give, if you can, what you would regard as a fair estimate of the aggregate amount of means in the hands of members of your church?
18. If you know of any non-residents owning any considerable amount of property in your immediate vicinity, please give their names, Post Office address, and what you can learn of their religious character?
19. Please give, as far as practicable, the names of the churches from which the members of your church and congregation have principally come, and some names of members from each church.
20. Please state briefly any facts not embodied in the answers to the foregoing questions, which show the necessity and importance

of now building such a house as you propose to erect, and your vote of the amount of aid you ask.

We the undersigned Trustees of..... Church do hereby certify that the above answers are, to the best of our belief and knowledge correct.

Although this is not the proper place for urging the claims of Church Extension, the committee would earnestly request the Ministers and Elders composing this Presbytery to endeavor to interest the people over whom they have the spiritual oversight in this important cause.

Respectfully submitted.
(Signed) P. L. Penick,
E. Mc. Hutchison } Committee.

The following Resolution was read and adopted:

Resolution on Church extension.

Resolved. That as a Presbytery we feel the importance of Church Extension in our domestic Missionary field, and enjoin it upon all the churches under our care to take up annually a collection in behalf of this cause.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from Rev. Thos. P. Johnston, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of Com in regard to Rev. T. P. Johnston's difficulties with the A. B. C. F. M.

The Committee to whom was referred a letter from Rev. T. P. Johnston, in regard to his difficulties with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. Resolved. That while Presbytery cherish unshaken confidence in the ardent piety and exemplary deportment of our afflicted Brother Johnston, and while sympathizing most deeply with him in his sore and continued trials; yet we cannot regard it as wise or profitable to take any part in his difficulties with the American Board, believing that no good could result from such interference.

2. Resolved. That while we decline any controversy with the American Board, we cheerfully testify to the pure and unblemished ministerial character of Rev. T. P. Johnston, for nearly thirty years a beloved member of this Presbytery. (Signed) R. H. Morrison,
B. S. Rider. } Committee.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to hear the reports of committees to examine Sessional Records.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow immediately after the reports on Sessional Records to enter upon the examination of our candidate for Licensure, Mr. P. A. Penick, and it was made the order of the day on to-morrow immediately after recess to hear his popular sermon.

Call from Gorden Church for Rev. J. D. Hall.

A Call from the church of Goshen for one half of the pastoral services of Rev. James Davidson Hall was read, and being found in order, was ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration; whereupon he signified his acceptance of the call. The salary specified in the call was $200. The arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. D. Hall were referred to the Committee on Supplies.

Report on Temperance referred.

A paper in reference to the subject of Temperance was laid before Presbytery, which, after some discussion, was referred to a committee to bring in a report thereon. The following persons constitute said committee, viz: Revs. J. B. O. Wilson, Rev. A. W. Miller, Rev. E. H. Jenkins, and Messrs. R. L. McDowell, and John A. Young.

Auditing com. report.

The committee to audit the books of the Treasurer of Publication presented their report, which was approved.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. D. A. Davis and Hon. A. Allison obtained leave of ab-

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~~Leave~~ Leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Reports on Sessional Records.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: Hearing the reports of committees to examine Sessional Records. The committees on the following Records, presented their reports which were accepted and adopted, viz: Poplar Tent, Centre, Third Creek, Fourth creek, Fifth creek, Unity, Thyatira, Back creek, with exceptions recorded in the book; Bethel, Prospect, Ramah, Mallard creek, Asheville, Sharon, with exceptions entered; Rocky River, Franklin, with exceptions entered; Joppa, with Resolution entered; Unity, Salisbury, with exceptions, Lincolnton, Long creek, Taylorsville, with the exceptions entered, Sugar creek, Concord Mon, Goshen, New Hope, Morganton, College church, Zion's, Tabor, Bethany, Franklin, Macon co, Ebenezer, and Providence.

Call from Unity and Franklin churches for Rev. B. L. Riddick

A call from the churches of Unity (Rowan co) and Franklin for the pastoral services of Rev B. L. Riddick, for two-thirds of his time, promising a salary of $425.00, was laid before Presbytery. The commissioners from the churches was heard; whereupon Presbytery placed the call in Mr. Riddick's hands for consideration. This call asks for the translation of Mr. Riddick from the churches of Bethany and Tabor, his present charge.

Petition from Franklin

A petition was read from the citizens of Franklin, Macon county, asking Presbytery to hold its next semi-annual meeting in that place; whereupon Presbytery proceeded to fix the place and time of the next meeting, which resulted

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Place and time of next meeting of Presbytery.

in the following resolution, viz;

Resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the town of Asheville, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in September next, at 7 o'clock P.M.

The committee to prepare a Narrative for the General Assembly on the state of religion in our churches, presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows, viz:

Narrative to Gen. Assembly.

The committee appointed to draw up a Narrative on the state of religion in our churches would report, That there seems to be an upward tendency in the following particulars: There appears to be a growing disposition among the churches to provide for themselves new and comfortable houses of worship. A number of congregations in our bounds have provided for themselves, new, comfortable, and tasteful houses of worship. Others have repaired their old churches, and made them both comfortable and convenient. ✓

It seems that many churches are coming up with a commendable degree of liberality to the support of those who minister to their spiritual wants. And in proportion as the churches relieve their ministers from worldly cares and avocations, in that proportion they become efficient in their appropriate work.

All the Narratives furnish us with the pleasing intelligence that there is a large, solemn attendance, and serious attention on the public means of grace. Sabbath schools, Bible classes, and Catechetical instruction receive more or less attention from most of our ministers. The additions to the churches

on examination have been encouraging

Intemperance seems to be on the increase. Some of the churches however are waking up to a sense of the importance of lifting up a standard against this desolating evil.

In some of the churches there seems to be special indications of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Among these we would name Prospect, Bethany and Rocky creek. In all of these the Gospel appears to have been the wisdom and power of God unto salvation to many souls.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Walter W. Pharr, Chairman of Com.

Resignation of Trustees in D. College.

Rev. Messrs. P. H. Dalton, D.D. Beall, and A. W. Miller, tendered their resignation as Trustees in Davidson College, which was accepted.

Com. to nominate Trustees for D. College.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and Mr. R. J. McDowell, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Com. to nominate Trustees for F. College.

Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, Rev. S. J. Penick, and Mr. S. G. Heck were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College.

The Judicial Committee on a complaint from members of the congregation of Rocky creek, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of Judicial Com. on complaint from Rocky creek.

A Complaint from certain members of the congregation of Rocky creek, alleging their grievance under the action of the majority of said congregation, having been referred to the Judicial Committee, and all the facts relating to the case, as fully as presented, having been considered, the Judicial Committee present the following Report

A division in the congregation originating from local and trivial causes, seems to have grown to such height that a meeting of the congregation was called to consider whether the Elders of the Church were acceptable to

the people. The result of this meeting was, that all the Elders, by a vote of the majority were declared out of office. At a subsequent election three of the former Elders and others in addition were elected as a new session. The complaint is that four Elders were voted out of office, without their consent.

Our form of government does not recognize this as a regular method of ejecting Elders, without the advice of Presbytery.

As however the complaint omits certain facts essential to a wise judgment in the case, and as the complaint may be signed by a number of persons who by our Form of Government are not authorized to vote either for or against a Church Session, the Judicial Committee cannot regard the case as fully presented; and in the absence of testimony that might be desirable, have concluded to recommend a course which may either restore harmony to a divided Church, or elicit more evidence on which to make a future decision.

The committee therefore recommend that Presbytery appoint a committee consisting of two Ministers and three Elders to visit Rocky creek church and to seek by all lawful means to restore the harmony of the congregation, and in case they fail to do so, to make a report of the facts in the case to Presbytery at its next semi-annual sessions.

Com. to visit Rocky creek church.

Presbytery appointed on the above committee, Revs. R. H. Lafferty, Rev. G. D. Parks, Gen. John A. Young, John Hart, Esq. and Mr. A. B. Davidson.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. James D. Hall obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

Election of Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, and R. A. Davis, with Ruling Elders, Messrs. E. R. Harris, and A. Jennings, principals; and Revs. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D. and E. J. Junkin,

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with Ruling Elders, Messrs. John A. Young and A. J. Summey alternates.

The committee on Supplies presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of com. on Supplies.

Revs. E. F. Rockwell, and Rev. E. D. Junkin, spend one Sabbath at Hopewell church and administer the Lord's Supper.

Revs. Drury Lacy, D.D., and Rev. S. Frontis, spend one Sabbath at Center church and administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. P. J. Penick administer the Lord's Supper at Bethlehem church.

Rev. G. D. Parks administer the Lord's Supper at Monroe.

Revs. Walter W. Hoard, and Rev. J. W. Erwin, administer the Lord's Supper at Fourth creek.

Revs. S. B. O. Wilson, and Rev. J. C. Alexander, administer the Lord's Supper at Bethesda.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. administer the Lord's Supper at Philadelphia.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. spend one Sabbath at Dallas, and one at Charlotte.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. spend one Sabbath at Bethany church.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. administer the Lord's Supper at Hendersonville.

Rev. J. D. Hall, and Rev. R. N. Davis, administer the Lord's Supper at Davidson.

Rev. W. W. Hoard spend one Sabbath at Jefferson.

Rev. W. C. Sheets spend one Sabbath at Newton.

Revs. Messrs. W. D. Hoard, J. C. Morrison, W. K. Morrison, J. N. Boyton, W. C. Sutton, Thos. C. Davis, B. J. Roides, Messrs. J. C. Kennedy, and L. L. Stewart, each one Sabbath at discretion.

Revs. Messrs. P. J. Penick and J. C. Alexander, each supply Sugar creek church one Sabbath in the absence of Rev. R. H. Lafferty at the General Assembly.

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Rev. J. D. Hall, supply the pulpit of Rev. R. N. Davis at Long creek one Sabbath.

Rev. E. D. Junkin supply the pulpit of Rev. R. N. Davis at Lincolnton one Sabbath during his absence at the General Assembly.

The committee further recommend that the installation of Rev. J. D. Hall over the church of Goshen take place on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May; that Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. preside, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the Pastor; and that Rev. G. D. Parks give the charge to the people. Rev. E. D. Junkin be alternate to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Rev. R. N. Davis be alternate to Rev. G. D. Parks.

(Signed) W. S. Moore
J. Rankin, } Committee.
A. D. Davidson

The Report of the Trustees of the Female College (at Statesville) was presented, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of Trustees of the Female College.

The Trustees of Concord Female College respectfully report to Presbytery that their institution intrusted to our charge is at length in complete and successful operation in the large, convenient and beautiful edifice which has been erected for the purpose, and though we have suffered much inconvenience from the unfinished state of the building and by the presence and noise of workmen, that difficulty is now removed, and the stillness and quiet favorable to the object for which it was designed, reign with interruption.

The community have manifested their deep interest in the College, not only by anxious inquiries, but by bringing in their daughters to enjoy its privileges. The number hitherto has been as great as the condition

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of the building and the initiatory state of an institution, designed, as we hope, to be a favored instrumentality in God's hand in advancing the cause of female education, and through that, of practical piety and godliness in our Presbytery, would permit.

The building has not yet been tendered to the committee by the contractor. The first four instalments amounting to ten thousand dollars have been paid; another instalment of nine thousand dollars will be due whenever the building is completed according to contract and received by the committee. The subscriptions of the Presbytery amounted to between sixteen and seventeen thousand dollars. Of this more than two thousand dollars are still unpaid, and are our only reliance to meet this large claim. In addition, the Board have furnished all the brick for the building, costing full six thousand dollars, purchased the ground and the dwelling for the President, erected a brick kitchen, furnished the building, and are now enclosing the College grounds.

Owing to the absence of a quorum at our last called meeting many items of indebtedness are not known with accuracy. But from the best estimate we can make, the institution will need, to relieve it of all indebtedness and place it in a condition to confer its benefits on the most moderate terms, the sum of Fourteen thousand dollars.

We earnestly call the attention of the Presbytery and the Friends of Education to our wants. Much has been done for us. Liberally have many given their hearts and purses, especially in the immediate neighborhood of the institution, but brethren we must be an instant in your prayers and liberality.

The term of service of the following members expires at this meeting: Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, Mr. S. R. Ball, Mr. W. Flowers, and Rev. T. H. Dalton has resigned owing to his removal.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Trustees.

(Signed) S. B. O. Wilson.

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Board invite Pres. appoint an examining com.

The Board would respectfully invite the Presbytery to appoint a committee to attend the next examination and commencement, examine into the rules, management, and discipline of the institution, and report to this body.

Examining com. appointed.

Presbytery appointed the committee contemplated in the above report, consisting of the following persons, viz; Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Drury Lacy, D. F. Penick, Maj. Daniel Hill, and Mr. R. S. McDowell.

Overture to the Gen. Assembly.

The following resolution was presented and adopted, viz;

Resolved That our Commissioners to the General Assembly be and they hereby are directed to Overture the said Assembly to relinquish their claim to a legacy of Five Hundred Dollars left by the Will of Moses Alexander, deceased, of Cabarrus county, N. C, and that the Executors of the said Will be directed to pay the money into the hands of the Treasurer of the Female College under the care of the Concord Presbytery.

Order of the day.

The order of the day was taken up, viz; the examination of Mr. D. A. Penick. He was examined on the Hebrew Language, Theology, Sacraments, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. J. C. Alexander and Mr. R. R. Brown were appointed to assign parts of trial to Mr. J. De Witt Burkhead.

Part of trial referred to Com. on Lang.

Mr. D. A. Penick's Critical Exercise was referred to the Standing Committee on Theology for examination and his Latin Exegesis was referred to the Committee on Languages.

D. A. Penick preaches his trial sermon.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz; to hear Mr. Penick's trial sermon, which he preached from Rom. v. 1: the text previously assigned. Mr. Penick read his popular Lecture.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted after 9 o'clock to Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.

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Mr. R. L. McDowell, and Mr. E. K. Harris.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, would report, that they nominate Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., Jesse Rankin, R. N. Davis, Walter W. Hoard, E. D. Junkin, Messrs. Wm. A. Allison, R. L. McDowell, D. A. Davis and A. B. Davidson to serve for four years.

Rev. G. D. Parks in place of Rev. B. L. Beall.

Rev. S. B. O. Wilson in place of Rev. A. W. Miller.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Walter W. Hoard, Chairman of committee.

The committee appointed to assign parts of trial to Mr. J. De Witt Burkhead presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Parts of trial assigned.

For Latin Exegesis — "In sit sanctificatio perfecta in hac vita." Critical Exercise — I. Peter III. 19:— Popular Lecture Acts XVI. 25-34. Popular Sermon — Rom. VII. 9:

Business post poned until next meeting.

It was Resolved — That the mutual reports of the ministers and sessions be postponed until the next semi-annual meeting.

Trustees for Fe. college.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female college reported the following, which was adopted, viz; Revs. S. B. O. Wilson, D. Kelly, W. F. Cowan; Rev. E. D. Junkin in place of Rev. T. H. Dalton.

Report of Education com. referred to Aud. com.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Education Committee was laid before Presbytery, and referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Revs. J. N. Payton, and Mr. A. B. Davidson.

Leave of absence.

Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. obtained leave of absence after 4 o'clock, P.M.

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Ashmun Institute to be reported on next meeting.

A letter and Documents in relation to the "Ashmun Institute" were laid before Presbytery, and referred to a committee, consisting of Revs. Drs. Lacy, D.D. and Mr. R. L. McDowell, with instructions to report to the next semi-annual meeting.

Critical Ex. and Latin Exegesis of D. A. Penick approved.

The committee to which were referred the Critical Exercise, and the Latin Exegesis of Mr. D. A. Penick, reported these parts of trial as satisfactory. These reports were adopted.

J. B. Cunningham on Ed. com.

Rev. W. B. Cunningham, D.D. was elected to fill the vacancy in the committee of Education, occasioned by the resignation of Rev. A. W. Miller.

Licensure of D. A. Penick, Jr.

It was Resolved — That the several parts of trial of Mr. D. A. Penick be and they hereby are approved as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will now proceed to license him. Whereupon the said Daniel A. Penick, Jr. was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry. Mr. Penick was directed to preach one Sabbath at each of the following churches: Charlotte, Hopewell and Centre; he was also directed to confer with the Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin, in reference to a field of labor.

Business laid over until next meeting.

A paper relating to the establishment of a Presbyterian Newspaper within this state being laid before Presbytery, was laid over until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Auditing com. report.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Education presented their report, which was approved.

Stated clerk's account.

The Stated Clerk presented his account ($26.47 cts.) and the Treasurer was directed to pay this account.

Rev. J. W. Ervin called to the churches of Concord & Shiloh.

Calls from the churches of Shiloh and Concord, asking for the pastoral services of Rev. J. W. Ervin, promising a salary of $505.00 were read, and being in due form were placed in his hands for consideration.

Business laid over until next meeting of Pby.

The call upon Ministers and Church Sessions touching ministerial support was laid over until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. signified to Presbytery his acceptance of the Call from the

Rev. H. H. Chapman to accept the call from Asheville and to be installed during next meeting.

church of Asheville, which was placed in his hands at the last meeting of Presbytery. His installation to take place during the next semi-annual meeting. Rev. T. Lacey to preach the installation sermon, and preside; Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. to give the charge to the people, and Rev. B. A. Penick to give the charge to the Pastor. Alternates Rev. R. Lyons, R. H. Lafferty, H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Walter W. Hard.

Rev. J. Rumple installed over Providence church.

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. Rumple over the church of Providence reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 16th day of Jan. 1857, Rev. J. Rumple was regularly installed over the church of Providence.

Call upon stated supplies and churches on pastoral relation.

Presbytery proceeded to call upon stated supplies, and churches having stated supplies to answer why steps have not been taken to constitute the pastoral relation.

Tefft from Red creek church.

A paper from a portion of Red creek church was committed to Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. to be placed in the hands of the committee appointed to visit said church.

Expenses of Directors to Union Sem. to be paid by Treas.

Resolved That the expenses of our Directors of the Union Theological Seminary be paid by the Treasurer out of the funds of the Presbytery.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. R. H. Morrison, Wm. Beard, R. Ramsay, J. C. Ford, and S. L. Dodd, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions.

Report of Com. on Intemperance.

The committee to whom was referred the paper on Intemperance presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz;

The committee to whom was referred the paper on Intemperance respectfully report, that it is their decided conviction, that the church is God's great instrumentality for promoting the reformation of mankind; and inasmuch as the evils arising from the moderate, as well as the immoderate use of intoxicating drinks, in all their peopled consequences, point to the manufacture, sale and licensing of the sale of these drinks as the fountains whence these poisonous streams do flow. Presbytery would in the most earnest and solemn manner, call upon the Ministers, Elders, and members of our churches to arouse to a sense of the increasing and soul destroying evils, and endeavor by the energetic and persevering use of every means within our reach, labor by diffusing light, by

warning, and all that a living christian love may suggest to turn these brethren from their course of evil.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the Minutes of this meeting, including the statistical tables and the Standing Rules, published in pamphlet form.

Calls accepted by Rev. W. W. Hard, and Rev. B. L. Roides.

Rev. Walter W. Hard signified his willingness to accept the call from the church of Fourth creek. Rev. B. L. Roides also signified his willingness to accept the call from the churches of Unity and Franklin.

Presbytery to meet in Statesville.

It was Resolved That when Presbytery adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Statesville, on Tuesday before the 3d Sabbath in June next, at 10 o'clock, P.M. and that the Churches of Poplar Tent, Bethesga, Bethany, and Tabor, be cited to appear then and there by their Commissioners and show reasons if any they have why the relation existing between them and their Pastors should not be dissolved.

Rev. J. W. Ervin retains calls until next meeting.

Permission was granted to Rev. J. W. Ervin to retain the calls in his hands until the next meeting of Presbytery. The following Overture was presented, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, viz;

Overture to the Gen. Assembly on the observance of the Sabbath.

Resolved That this Presbytery Overture the next General Assembly to adopt such measures as in its wisdom it may deem judicious for the purpose of securing the sending up of memorials from all the evangelical denominations in the United States, to the Congress of the United States, urging upon that body the duty of delivering the nation from the sin of Sabbath desecration, by discontinuing the operations of the United States Mail service on that holy day.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery are due the congregation of Prospect for their kindness and hospitality in the entertainment of its members during their present sessions, and that the Stated Clerk read this resolution to the congregation.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Statesville on Tuesday before the 3d Sabbath in June, at 10 o'clock, P.M. Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz; Revs. Messrs. S. Lindley, J. L. Morrison, W. S. Morrison, A. Baker, W. C. Sutton, and W. L. Sheetz.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post-Office.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Mallard Creek and Rameh, P.	Parks Store, N. C.
R. H. Morrison, D. D. S. S.	Unity, Lincoln C. & Mackpelah, S. S.	Cottage Home, N. C.
Stephen Frontis, M. C.	Charlotte, C.	Spring Grove, N. C.
D. A. Penick, P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N. C.
Drury Lacy, D. D., Pres.	College Church, S. S.	Davidson College, N. C.
D. Lindley, F. M.	Hopewell, C.	Port Natal, S. Africa.
T. L. Johnston, Agt. A. B. C. F. M.	Olney, C. and Bellar, C.	New Castle, Tenn.
J. E. Morrison, S. M.	Wadesboro, S. S.	Wadesboro, N. C.
Jesse Rankin, Evangelist	Lenoir, C.	Lenoir, N. C.
Jas. D. Hall, P. Elect	Goshen, P. C. and New Hope, S. S.	Wood Lawn, N. C.
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Third creek, P. & Fifth creek, S. S.	Rowan Mills, N. C.
Wm. N. Morrison, M. C.	Rhein's creek, C. & Providence, C.	Asheville, N. C.
H. L. Cunningham, D. D.	Paw creek, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
R. H. Chapman, D. D. P. E.	Asheville, P. Elect.	Asheville, N. C.
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N. C.
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.		Davidson College, N. C.
J. E. McPherson, S. M.	Hiwassee, S. S.	Fort Hembree, N. C.
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Poplar Tent and Bethpage, P.	Oak Lawn, N. C.
J. N. Peyton, S. M.	Marion, Siloam, and Danville, S. S.	Marion, N. C.
Wm. C. Sutton, S. S.	Lebanon, S. S.	Morven, N. C.
J. L. Davis, S. S.	Rutherfordton, Little Britain, & Duncan's creek, S. S.	Rutherfordton, N. C.
R. N. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, and Long Creek, S. S.	Lincolnton, N. C.
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
P. H. Dalton, M. C.	Monroe, C.	Madison, N. C.

for the year closing April 18th 1857.

Thirty five Ministers, and have under their care 63 Churches, 5 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates, viz:

Communicants: Added on Exami.	Communicants: Added on Cert.	Communicants: Colored Communicants	Communicants: Total of Communicants	Baptized: Adults.	Baptized: Infants.	Sabbath Schools: No. Children and Colored Children	Funds Collected: For Missions.	For Missions.	Education.	Sabbath Schools.	Board of Publication.	Presbyterial.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
15	4	66	261	4	25		42	41	16			13	550	45
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Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post-Office.
A. W. Miller, (on trans.)	Centre, V.	Petersburg, Va.
P. J. Penick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N. C.
B. L. Beall, S. S.	Hendersonville, V.	Smith's Turn Out, S. C.
Wm. C. Sheetz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N. C.
Wm. L. Moore, S. S. & M.	Franklin and Ebenezer, S. S.	Franklin, N. C.
T. W. Erwin, S. S.	Concord and Shiloh, S. S.	Peace Hill, Iredell Co. N. C.
S. C. Alexander, P.	Hyatica and Beck creek, P.	Miranda, N. C.
E. D. Junkin, P.	Prospect and Bethel, P.	Davidson College, N. C.
R. L. Rodes, P.	Bethany and Tabor, P.	Bethany Church, N. C.
G. D. Parks, P.	Steele Creek & Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N. C.
J. Rumple, P. — 35.	Sharon & Providence, P.	Charlotte, N. C.
Licentiates — 5	Unity, (Rowan Co.) V.	Woodleaf, N. C.
James C. Kennedy,	Wilkesboro, V.	Statesville, N. C.
A. L. Stewart, S. S.	Philadelphia & Bethlehem, S. S.	Hornet's Nest, N. C.
J. Curtis Stewart,	Franklin, (Rowan Co.) & Hopper, V.	Brownsville, Ala.
Wm. W. Sharp, S. S.	Taylorsville and Salem, S. S.	Taylorsville, N. C.
D. A. Penick, P.	Fourth creek, V. and Bethesda, V. — 63.	Pioneer Mills, N. C.
Candidates — 8.		

Communicants.				Baptized.		No. of Children in Sabbath and Bible classes.	Funds Collected.							
Added on examination.	Added on cert.	Colored communicants.	Total communicants.	Adults.	Infants.		For. Missions.	For. Missions.	Education.	Pub.	Church Ex.	Sus. for. girl.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
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4 Licensures, 3 Ordinations, 6 Installations, and 3 pastoral relations Dissolved since the last report.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 18th 1857.

Statesville, N. C.

Tuesday, June 16th 1857.

Ten o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. S. B. C. Wilson was chosen Moderator, and Rev. E. D. Hoke elected temporary clerk. Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. S. B. C. Wilson, J. B. Cunningham, D.D., A. Baker, W. W. Hoak, J. C. Alexander, E. D. Junkin, E. D. Hoke, J. Rumple,	Major W. F. Lowrie, David Kilpatrick, C. T. Alexander.

Letter from Rev. S. Montis.

A letter was received and read from Rev. S. Montis assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery.

Examination of candidates, viz. Wood, Reed, and Wilson.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery proceed to the examination of Messrs. Wood, Wilson, and Reed, with a view to their licensure.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock A. M. to hear the sermon of Mr. Wood; for 2 o'clock, P. M. the sermon of Mr. Wilson; and at night the sermon of Mr. Reed.

Com. to examine Mr. Wood.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., Rev. E. D. Junkin, and Rev. J. Rumple, and Mr. David Kilpatrick, were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Wood on his literary course.

Presbytery then heard the ~~[illegible]~~ lecture of Mr. Wood.

Mr. Robert B. Anderson, a member of the Church of Poplar Tent

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Mr. R. B. Anderson taken under the care of Pres.

was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under the care as a candidate for the Ministry. Whereupon he was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking the Ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Wood was also directed to examine Mr. Anderson on his literary course.

Com. to assign parts of trial.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., Rev. Walter W. Hoak, and Rev. J. C. Alexander were appointed a committee to assign parts of trial to Mr. Anderson.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer and benediction.

Wednesday, June 17th 1857.

8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. A call was read from the Church of Fifth Creek for one half the pastoral services of Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, which (call) was laid on the table.

Call from Fifth Creek for S. B. C. Wilson.

Ruling Elder appears.

Mr. Robert McKinnon, Ruling Elder from Center Church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Call from Center for E. D. Junkin.

A call was presented and read from the Church of Center for one half the pastoral services of Rev. E. D. Junkin, and thus asking that he might be transferred from one of his present churches. The delegate from Center Church presented reasons why they desired this translation. The call was ordered to be placed in Mr. Junkin's hands. The amount specified in this call was $402.00.

Subject for trial changed.

The text formerly assigned to Mr. J. DeWitt Burkhead as part of trial was changed from Rom. VII. 9, to Rom. IX. 18: and also the part of

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trial given to Mr. J. Johnston was changed from Rom. Rec. XX d. to Heb. VI. 4-6:

Latin Exegeses referred & com. [illegible]

The Latin Exegeses of Messrs. W. A. Wood, J. D. Wilson, and J. A. Bard, and J. Johnston, were referred to a committee, consisting of Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D., Rev. E. D. Junkin, Rev. J. Rumple, and Mr. David Kilpatrick.

Mr. J. D. Wilson read his critical exercise and [illegible] lecture, which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Ruling Elders appear in Presbytery.

Mr. Cyrus Flemming, Ruling Elder from Bethpage church, Mr. M. Bailey, Ruling Elder from Tabor church, Mr. Sandy McKinley, Ruling Elder from Rocky River church, Mr. Geo. Robinson, Ruling Elder from Bethesda, and Mr. J. A. Allison, Ruling Elder from Fourth creek church, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats.

Mr. J. A. Bard read his critical exercise, and [illegible] lecture which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Call from Bethesda for S. B. O. Wilson.

A call was received and read from the church of Bethesda for one half of the pastoral services of Rev. S. B. O. Wilson. The call from Fifth creek church was taken up. These calls asks for the translation of Rev. S. B. O. Wilson from his present charge. The commissioners from Fifth creek and Bethesda churches were heard, assigning reasons why they desired Mr. Wilson's translation. The amount specified in these calls was $600.00

Calls not accepted by S. B. O. Wilson.

Presbytery ordered that these calls be placed in Rev. S. B. O. Wilson's hands; which he declined accepting; Whereupon it was ordered that these calls be returned to the churches from which they came.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Wood read his critical exercise, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Presbytery took up the matter of the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. B. L. Rudd and the churches of Bethany and Tabor, which was laid over from the last meeting of Presbytery, the delegates from these churches being called upon signified their willingness to accede to the request for a dissolution of the relation; whereupon the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. B. L. Rudd and the churches of Bethany and Tabor was dissolved, and said churches were declared to be vacant.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. Wood, and Mr. Anderson, on their literary course, and also to examine the Latin Exegeses of Messrs. Bard, Wood, Johnston, and Wilson, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Report of com. on examination.

The Committee to examine Messrs. Wood and Anderson, on their Literary course reported that they had attended to the duty, and recommend that this examination be sustained as parts of trial.

They also reported that they had examined the Latin Exegeses of Messrs. Bard, Wood, Wilson, and Johnston, and recommend that these be sustained as parts of trial. (Signed) H. B. Cunningham, E. D. Junkin, J. Rumple, D. Kilpatrick } Com.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

The matter of the dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between Rev. Walter W. Pharr and the churches of Poplar Tent and Bethpage was taken up, when the following resolution was adopted, viz:

Resolved That as the congregation of Bethpage have by their commissioner C. Flemming united with their pastor Walter W. Pharr in asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between them

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and as the congregation of Poplar tent has failed to answer the citation of Presbytery, that the pastoral relation existing between the churches of Poplar tent and Bethpage and Rev Walter W. Hoyt be and it hereby is dissolved.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz; the trial sermon of W.A. Wood, which being preached, was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Messrs Wood, Best, and Wilson licensed.

Candidates examined.

The Candidates, viz: Messrs Wood, Wilson, and Best, were then examined on the Hebrew language which was sustained.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Com. to install W.W. Hoyt over the church of Fourth creek.

Presbytery met. The following committee was appointed to attend the installation of the Rev Walter W. Hoyt over the church of Fourth creek. Rev. J.B.O. Wilson to preside, and preach the sermon: Rev. A. Baker to give the charge to the people; and the Rev. H.B. Cunningham, D.D. to give the charge to the Pastor.

The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard the trial sermon of Mr Wilson, which was sustained.

Both of trial sermons to Mr Anderson.

The committee appointed to assign parts of trial to Mr. R.B. Anderson reported the following which were adopted—

Latin Exegesis—"In Christus est verus homo"

Critical Exercise—Matt. XVI. 13—19. Epistle Lecture Ps. LXI-2

Sermon—John III. 16.

Candidates examined.

The Candidates were then examined on Theology, and also on Church History, which examination was sustained.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 o'clock, P.M.

After recess. Presbytery met and proceeded to the order of the day; viz the hearing the trial sermon of Mr. Best which was sustained.

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The examination of these candidates being brought to a close, it was resolved—That their examination be and it hereby is sustained in all its parts, and that Presbytery will now proceed to license them to preach the gospel as probationers for the ministry, Whereupon the said W.A. Wood, J.B. Wilson, and J.A. Best, were Licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the Gospel Ministry.

Messrs Wood, Wilson, and Best were directed to preach, each, one Sabbath at the different vacant churches.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Asheville on Thursday, Sept. 3d 1857 at 7 o'clock, P.M. Closed with prayer.

B.S. Kendall, Temporary clerk.

R.H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

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Thursday, Sept 3d 1857.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev R.H. Chapman, D.D. from Ep. III. 8. "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." Constituted with prayer. Present,

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick,	Messrs. Sandy McKinley,
Owen Lacy, D.D.	
J.D. Hall,	
J.B.O. Wilson,	
Wm. N. Morrison,	

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D.,	
A. Baker,	
R. H. Chapman, D.D.	Messrs. A. J. Summey,
J. E. McPherson,	Enos Scroggs,
Walter W. Hoge,	
J. N. Paxton,	S. W. Morrison,
R. N. Davis,	
R. H. Lafferty,	E. C. Wallis,
Jesse Rankin,	
S. T. Pinick,	V. C. Barringer,
B. L. Beall,	
W. C. Shertz,	E. J. Erwin,
W. S. Moore,	Curtis Sanders,
S. C. Alexander,	
E. D. Junkin,	
B. S. Hoke,	Edmund Rice,
G. D. Parks,	John Hart,
J. Rumple,	C. T. Alexander,
	Ahner Morrison, from Concord Coll.
	D. S. Caldwell, " Tofield Hunt "
	Wm. Maxwell, " Philadelphia "
	W. F. McKnight, Hopewell "
	D. L. Torrence, Centre "
	M. D. Johnston, Charlotte "
	J. G. Gray, Ebenezer "

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs. Jesse Rankin for Moderator, and Revs. W. B. Cunningham, D.D., and E. D. Junkin, temporary clerks.

The reading of the Rules for Judicatories was dispensed with,

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and the Moderator elect was inducted into office.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Sept 4th 1857
8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened by singing and prayer. The minutes of last evening were read.

Reading of minutes of last meeting dispensed with.

The reading of the Minutes of the last semi-annual meeting was dispensed with in consideration of their having been printed and circulated.

Absentees from last meeting called on for their reasons.

Absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery were called on for their reasons for absence. Their reasons so far as rendered were sustained.

Reports of those appointed to do missionary work and supply vacant churches.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches were called on for their reports, when it was found that their appointments had been generally fulfilled.

Minutes of meeting at Statesville read.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting at Statesville were read and corrected.

Order of the day postponed.

The standing order of the day for 11 o'clock, A.M. was postponed until 3 o'clock, P.M.

Letters from members assigning reasons of absence.

Letters assigning reasons of absence from the present meeting of Presbytery, were received and read, from Revs. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, S. Frontis, C. F. Rockwell, P. H. Dalton, J. W. Ervin, and Wm. C. Dutton.

Resignation of Rev. W. S. Pharr as Trustee in Davidson College not accepted.

Revs. W. S. Pharr tendered his resignation as a Trustee in Davidson College — Whereupon it was Resolved — That the resignation of Rev. W. S. Pharr as Trustee in Davidson College be not accepted, and that he be and hereby is respectfully requested to continue his connexion with the Board.

A letter was received from Mr. R. F. Simonton tendering his resigna-

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Letter of resignation from R. F. Simonton not accepted.

tion as Trustee in the Concord Female College at Statesville; Whereupon it was Resolved - That Presbytery decline to accept the resignation of Mr. R. F. Simonton as a Trustee of the Presbyterial Female College, and express the hope that Mr. Simonton will continue to serve the Presbytery in that office.

Call from Philadelphia church for Mr. L. L. Stewart.

A call was presented from the church of Philadelphia for two thirds of the pastoral services of Mr. L. L. Stewart. The amount specified in the call was $400.00 - This call being found in order was ordered to be placed in the hands of Mr. Stewart for consideration.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees; viz;
On Devotional Exercises; Revs. R. H. Chapman, T. Pand A. T. Summey.
On Supplies - Revs. T. A. Penick, Revs. B. T. Roides, and W. C. Berringer.
Minutes of Gen. Assembly - Revs. R. N. Davis, and Revs. R. H. Lafferty.
Judicial Committee - Revs. A. Baker, Revs. Wm. S. Moore, and E. F. Erwin.
Narrative for Synod - Revs. T. Lacy, Th. and Rev. S. B. O. Wilson.

Second order of the day.

It was made the second order of the day for this afternoon to hand in the reports on the state of religion in the various churches.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Report of com. to visit Rev. creek church.

The Committee appointed to visit the church of Rev creek presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;
The Committee appointed by Presbytery during its last semi-annual meeting to visit the church of Rev creek for the purpose, either of restoring harmony to said church, or to report the facts in the case to Presbytery, reported that they have attended to the duty apinged them. ✓
The committee met the congregation of Rev creek by previous appointment at their church, Aug. 4th 1857, the members of the committee all present, except Mr. A. B. Davidson, and proceeded to the business before them. Several propositions were made for restoring harmony

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to the congregation, but all were rejected. Your committee then proceeded to take the facts in the case, when it was manifest that there was much feeling, and party lines were very distinctly drawn. The evidence was very clear that one of the parties would not submit to the restoration of the ejected session; and the evidence was equally clear that the other party would not submit to the government of the present session.

After much consultation and exchanging of views between your committee and the congregation, the following Resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted by the congregation; viz;
Resolved - That the congregation of Rev creek will on a future day proceed to elect a new bench of Elders to rule over them, with the understanding that neither any of the ejected Elders, or any of the Elders now in office shall be elected into the new session.
This resolution was adopted with the distinct understanding that this election shall be without any reference to party.
The Elders signified their entire willingness that this course should be adopted.
Your committee believe that, by the adoption of this resolution, entire harmony has been restored to this divided church. This was manifest from the friendly salutations of the parties, and the satisfaction expressed before leaving the house.
All of which is respectfully submitted;
(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Chairman of Com.

Rev. E. D. Junkin declines accepting the call from Centre church.

Rev. E. D. Junkin declined accepting the call from Centre church which was placed in his hands at the last adjourned meeting of Presbytery. It was ordered that this call be returned to the church of Centre.

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Installation of Rev. J. D. Hall over the church of Goshen.

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. D. Hall over the church of Goshen reported that they had attended to this duty, and that on the 9th day of May last they installed Rev. James D. Hall pastor of the church of Goshen.

Installation of Rev. W. W. Hoard over the church of Fourth creek.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Walter W. Hoard over the church of Fourth creek, reported that they had attended to this duty, and that on the 18th day of June last they installed Rev. Walter W. Hoard over the church of Fourth creek.

Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr. A. Burgin, Ruling Elder from the church of Swannanoa appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Importance of Ruling Elders attending the meetings of Presbytery.

The importance of Ruling Elders attending punctually upon the meetings of Presbytery was brought before Presbytery, and after a discussion somewhat protracted, the whole matter was referred to a committee to bring in a report on this subject. Rev. D. Lacy, D. D., Rev. J. A. Penick, W. C. Berringer, M. D. Johnston, and S. W. Morrison, were appointed this committee.

com. on the above.

D. L. Torrence appointed temporary Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Mr. D. L. Torrence was appointed to receive money for Domestic Missions in the absence of the Treasurer, Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

Presbytery took a recess until after Divine worship.

After recess. Presbytery met, and took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Report of com. on Asheville Institute.

Presbytery met. The committee to whom were referred some communications from the Asheville Institute during the last meeting of Presbytery presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee to whom was referred the communication of the Rev. John P. Carter, President of the Asheville Institute with accompanying documents, in relation to said Institute, beg leave to report-

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That they have read the papers with much care and interest. They find that the Asheville Institute, founded by the Presbytery of New Castle, and under its superintendence, is the only Institution on the Continent, whose express design is to give a full collegiate and theological education to the colored youth of the land. That the enterprise was heartily commended by the General Assembly at its meeting in the city of Nashville 1855. That it is now in successful operation with a corps of competent and devoted officers. And that from the well known character of its founders, and of those having the management of it, being all, Presbyterian Clergymen and laymen, it is entitled not only to the confidence of this Presbytery, but of the whole christian community.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. Lacy, R. L. McDowell. } Com.

Rev. J. W. Erwin accepts the calls from Concord and Shiloh.

Rev. J. W. Erwin signified, by letter, his acceptance of the calls from the churches of Concord and Shiloh placed in his hands during the last semi-annual meeting, and requested Presbytery to make arrangements for his installation over said churches, Whereupon Rev. Walter W. Hoard, and Mr. Abner Morrison, were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for his installation.

Rev. B. S. Roider and Mr. Edmund Rice were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Roider over the churches of Franklin and Unity, (Rowan Co.)

Parts of trial assigned W. J. Hall.

The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr. W. J. Hall (they having been given to him some time since by a member of Presbytery)

Latin Exegesis- In quo gratiae divinae efficatia constituta sit 1st

Critical Exercise- II. Peter III. 10-13.

Lecture, Heb. XII. 18-24: Popular Sermon- John V. 36.

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Mr. W. J. Hall reads his Critical exercise.

Presbytery proceeded to hear Mr. W. J. Halls Critical Exercise. Having heard the exercise read it was referred to the committee on Languages for examination.

Report of com. on Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully recommend the following - viz; That to-morrow (Saturday) at 4 o'clock, P. M. be the time, and that the following be the order of exercise, viz;

1. Psalmody and reading the Scriptures by Rev. E. D. Junkin.
2. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Lafferty.
3. Address by Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr.
4. Prayer by Rev. B. S. Roides.
5. Psalmody and Benediction by the Moderator.

(Signed) R. H. Chapman, } Com.
A. T. Summey. }

Report of Commissioners to Gen. Assembly.

Revs. Messrs. R. N. Davis, and R. H. Lafferty, Commissioners to the last General Assembly, reported that they had attended upon the sessions of that body.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the report of the Agent of Foreign Missions. The report was read by the agent, Rev. A. Baker. Addresses were delivered on this subject by Revs. Messrs. A. Baker, Walter W. Hoge, R. H. Lafferty, J. Lacy, D. D., D. J. Penick, and S. C. Alexander. The report was approved and is as follows; viz;

Report of agent of Foreign Missions.

Your Agent submits the following as his report of the funds collected within the bounds of Concord Presbytery during the last year, in behalf of Foreign Missions; viz;

Hiwassee church,	$ 5.00
Bethany and Tabor,	17.45

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Statesville and Bethesda,	$ 33.00
Ebenezer,	12.00
Concord,	5.00
Taylorsville by the Sabbath School children	4.00
J. H. Greenlee and wife each ten,	20.00
Marion church,	11.15
Siloam,	8.00
By a Friend	2.10
Charlotte,	154.00
Steele creek,	47.20
Concord,	22.00
Providence,	13.50
Third creek,	21.55
Bethel church,	18.00
Sugar creek,	87.50
"Ladies Missionary Society of Sugar creek",	32.50
Sharon church,	18.25
Poplar Tent,	35.00
Asheville,	32.00
Unity & Macpelah	52.00
Ramah,	18.25
Mallard creek,	23.50
Rocky River,	60.00
Fifth creek,	3.00
From a Friend, name not given	7.00
Centre church,	6.00
Hopewell,	19.6[illegible]
Bethpage	24.50

Thyatira & Back creek, ---------- $29.13
Salisbury, ---------- 116.00
Total --- $168.13 cts.

Your agent would farther report the following sums contributed to liquidate the debt of the Board,

Davidson College, ---------- $58.00
Steele creek, ---------- 31.00
Salisbury, ---------- 20.00
Total --- $109.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted:
(Signed) A. Baker, Agent.

Resignation of Trustees of the Female College.

Rev. Messrs. E. D. Junkin, and H. B. Cunningham, D.D. tendered their resignations as Trustees of the Concord Female College at Statesville, which were accepted.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. S. W. Morrison obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Treasurer ordered to write to churches failing to pay their portion of the commissioners fund.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was instructed to write to all those churches which at the spring meeting fail to send up their regular assessments for the Commissioners Fund, and he was also instructed to write to those churches which failed last spring.

Report of com. on the attendance of elders at Pres. re-committed.

The committee appointed to bring in a report on the attendance of Ruling Elders at the meetings of Presbytery, presented their report, which being read, was re-committed to the same committee, with the addition of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.

Mr. J. C. Kennedy required to supply vacant churches.

It was Resolved - That Mr. J. C. Kennedy, one of our Licentiates, be required to supply the vacant churches under our care as far as mutually convenient and desirable. And that the churches thus supplied be required to contribute to his

temporal support; also that he be required to preach in Newton at discretion.

Place and time of next meeting.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Concord Town on Thursday before the first Sabbath in April 1858 at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery took a recess until after divine worship to-night.

After recess.

Mr. L. S. Stewart accepts the call from the church of Philadelphia.

Presbytery met. Mr. L. S. Stewart signified his acceptance of the call from Philadelphia church; Whereupon it was referred to the committee on supplies to make the necessary arrangements for his ordination and installation.

Report postponed.

The mutual report of Ministers and sessions laid over from last meeting was passed over.

Reports postponed.

The reports of sessions on pastoral support laid over from last meeting was postponed until the next semi-annual meeting.

Appeal from the Rutherfordton church referred to Jud. Com.

An appeal from the Rutherfordton church was laid before Presbytery, and referred to the judicial committee.

A religious paper being started in North Carolina.

A paper on the subject of a religious News Paper to be published in North Carolina laid over from last meeting was taken up and adopted, and is as follows; viz: Whereas knowledge is the handmaid of religion, and the press is one of the great channels by which knowledge is communicated - Believing that without supplanting or materially affecting the circulation of any well conducted religious paper elsewhere - there is ample room for such a Paper within the bounds of this Synod. And as laudable efforts are now making to establish such a paper; We regard the enterprise as worthy of serious and prayerful attention, and would commend it to the

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liberality of the churches according to its merits and importance.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Roides over the churches of Franklin and Unity, (Rowan co.) presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

Arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Roides over the churches of Franklin and Unity.

The committee to whom was referred the arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Roides beg leave to present the following report. That the Installation at Franklin take place on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in October. Rev. A. Baker preside preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the Pastor; Rev. S. C. Alexander give the charge to the people. Rev. P. J. Penick be alternate to Rev. A. Baker, and Rev. J. Rumple be alternate to Rev. S. C. Alexander. ✓

Arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Roides over the church of Unity.

That the installation at Unity church take place on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in October. Rev. S. B. O. Wilson preside, preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the Pastor; and Rev. Walter W. Thorn the charge to the people: Rev. S. Frontis alternate to Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and Rev. C. L. Hunkin alternate to Rev. Walter W. Thorn.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) B. S. Roides.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Sept. 5th 1857.

8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met. The Moderator being absent in consequence of sickness, Rev. R. N. Davis the last Moderator present took the chair, and opened Presbytery with prayer.

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The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Supplies.

The committee of Supplies recommend the adoption of the following appointments—viz:

Rev. D. Lacy, D. D. and Rev. R. H. Lafferty, supply one Sabbath at Centre church and administer the Lord's supper.

Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and Mr. J. A. Barr, at Tabor.

Rev. J. W. Ewing, and Mr. Wm. W. Thorn, at Bethany.

Rev. B. S. Roides, and Mr. J. D. Wilson, at Bethesda.

Rev. S. C. Alexander, and Mr. J. D. Wilson at Fifth creek.

Rev. Walter W. Thorn, and Mr. D. A. Penick, Jr. at Bethpage.

Rev. A. Baker, and Rev. G. D. Parks, at Poplar Tent.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Rev. S. Frontis, at Charlotte.

Mr. Wm. W. Thorn one Sabbath at Jefferson.

Rev. Wm. C. Steele one Sabbath at Newton.

Rev. J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Dallas.

Rev. R. N. Davis one Sabbath at Olney.

All other members of Presbytery not heretofore named in this report be required to spend at least one Sabbath in some Missionary field at discretion.

Arrangements for the ordination of L. S. Stewart.

They further report, recommending that the Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at Philadelphia church commencing on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct. at 11 o'clock, A. M.—with a view of ordaining Mr. L. S. Steele to the work of the Ministry, provided the way be open—and that in that service, Rev. R. H. Lafferty preside, and preach the sermon; Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D. D. his alternate;

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Rev. Jethro Rumple delived the charge to the people; Rev. G. D. Parks his alternate, and Rev. D. A. Penick, D.D. delived the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. E. D. Junkin be his alternate. And that John I. 29. be assigned to Mr. Stewart as the text for his trial sermon.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Chairman of Com.

Letter from Rutherfordton church referred back to Presbytery by judicial com.

The judicial committee reported back to Presbytery the letter placed in their hands from the Rutherfordton Church. This letter was then read. It purports to be from the Elders of the church, setting forth, that difficulties exist in their church, and they ask Presbytery to appoint a committee to go and visit the church with a view to the adjusting of these difficulties. This letter was laid on the table for the present.

Trustees in the Female College.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, and Rev. B. L. Rhodes, were appointed Trustees in the Female College in the place of Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and Rev. E. D. Junkin, resigned.

Report of Treasurer of Publication.

The Treasurer on behalf of the Board of Publication read his report; Whereupon a committee was appointed to audit his accounts, consisting of Messrs P. C. Berringer, and C. C. Wallis.

Arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. W. Erwin over the churches of Concord and Shiloh.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. W. Erwin over the churches of Concord and Shiloh presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. W. Erwin would report recommending, that the installation services be held at Shiloh church on Friday before the first Sabbath in November. That Rev. S. B. O. Wilson preside, preach the sermon, and propound the constitutional questions, the Rev. Stephen Frontis delivers the charge to the people; Rev. Walter

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W. Thaxt delivers the charge to the Pastor. That Rev. B. L. Rhodes be alternate to Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, Rev. A. Baker be alternate to Rev. Stephen Frontis, and Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. to Rev. W. W. Thaxt.

Report of com. on the attendance of Ruling Elders at Presbytery.

The committee appointed to bring in resolutions in relation to the attendance of Ruling Elders upon the meetings of Presbytery presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee to whom was referred the attendance of Elders on Presbytery respectfully submit the subjoined Resolutions which they recommend be placed among the Standing Rules of Presbytery—

1. Resolved—That each church session entitled to a representative be enjoined, not only to elect a delegate for each regular meeting of Presbytery, but also to enter the name of the delegate, both principal and alternate so chosen, on its records.

2. Resolved—That the Presbytery, disclaiming any jurisdiction over the Elders appointed to attend its meetings for any neglect of duty before they are enrolled as members of this body, earnestly enjoin it on the several church sessions to hold their ~~several~~ respective delegates to a strict accountability for their regular and punctual attendance on the Presbytery, and to censure them for a failure, on insufficient grounds, to discharge this important duty.

3d Resolved—That it shall be the duty of the Stated clerk of Presbytery to make out a Roll of the churches, and in the organization of this body, after calling the list of Ministers, he shall proceed to call the roll of the churches, and that the Ruling Elder, when the church, by whose session he has been elected, is called, shall himself announce his name to be enrolled as a member of Presbytery; and that the Stated Clerk shall report all churches for which delegates fail to appear.

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4. Resolved That the Presbytery will hold to strict responsibility all church sessions neglecting to comply with the requirements of the 1st and 2d Resolutions.

Preceding resolutions to be printed

This report, together with the standing Rule in regard to paying the expense of delegates to the church courts were ordered to be printed and distributed among the churches; 100 copies.

Corresponding members.

Rev. A. W. Cummings, D. D., of the Methodist Episcopal church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report of judicial com. on the appeal of C. F. Harris.

The judicial committee presented their report on the appeal from the decision of the session of the church of Concord Town, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The judicial Committee would report that an appeal was placed in their hands, which was taken by C. F. Harris from a decision of the Session of the church of Concord Town.

The committee find the papers in order, recommend that the case be taken up, and tried according to the direction of the book of Discipline; as follows; viz;

1st That the sentence appealed from be read.

2d Read the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal.

3d Read the whole record of the proceedings of the inferior judicatory in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of the decision.

4th Hear the original parties.

5th Hear any of the members of the inferior judicatory in explanation of the grounds of their decision, or of their dissent from it.

(Signed) A. Baker, E. J. Erwin, W. L. Moore, } Com.

Rev. W. W. Pharr was appointed counsel for the appellant in this case.

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The Moderator reminded the members of Presbytery that they were about to proceed to judicial business, and he enjoined it on the members to recollect and regard their high character, as judges of a court of Jesus Christ.

Appeal of C. F. Harris taken up.

The appeal was taken up in the order recommended by the judicial committee. After hearing all the testimony in the case, and the different parties, the original parties withdrawn; and the roll being called the members of Presbytery expressed their views; Whereupon it was unanimously Resolved - That the appeal be not sustained.

Com. to bring in a minute on the issue of this appeal.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty, Rev. T. K. Sexton, and Mr. M. D. Johnston, were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in this case.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. E. C. Wallis, Wm. Maxwell, and A. Burgin, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock. P. M.

After recess.

Report of com. on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly

Presbytery met. The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows; viz; - The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly report, that they find only the following items claiming the action of Presbytery; viz; On page 21st of printed minutes, Resolution 9 (b) as follows; viz;

Resolved - "That our Ministers preach systematically and frequently on the subject of Foreign Missions; teaching the people that it is their duty to give more and more money to this cause; that our Ministers also teach that it is needful to increase greatly the number of missionaries in heathen lands, and that to this end, more of our young men must willingly offer themselves for this

work. Moreover on the first Sabbath evening of each month, or on other occasions, and from time to time, let the people hear from their minister a detailed account of our various Foreign Missions in succession, with a description of the religious condition of the people, and the beginning and progress of the churches work amongst them."

Systematic Benevolence, page 34. Resolved "That special attention be given by pastors, Elders, and others, to the training of children and youth in the family, Sabbath schools, and other institutions of the church, to habits of cheerful and conscientious systematic benevolence."

Page 22. Resolved "That the fourth Thursday in February be specially observed in all our churches as a season of earnest prayer for the conversion of young men in our Colleges; and for the out-pouring of God's Spirit on all our churches.

(Signed) R. N. Davis, Chairman of Com.

The committee to audit the account of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows; viz;

Report of com. to audit account of Treasurer of Publication.

The committee appointed to examine and audit the account of E. D. Junkin, Treasurer of the Publication Board report that they have discharged the duty assigned to them, and find the accounts of that officer orderly kept; that he has disbursed the sum of $94.95 cts. for which he has a proper voucher, and that there remains in his hands at this date the sum of $32.68 cts.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Victor C. Barringer, } Com.
E. C. Wallis. }

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

Narrative for Synod.

Narrative of the state of Religion in Concord Presbytery.

There are 63 churches within the bounds of the Presbytery, only twenty three of which have placed reports in the hands of the committee, through their Pastors or Stated Supplies. These reports have been carefully examined, and a summary of their contents is now laid before Presbytery. A striking fact that met the eye of the committee on reading the accounts of the churches furnished by the Brethren is the remarkable uniformity with which each paper opens, in stating the signs of progress and encouragement, and the almost equally remarkable uniformity in stating the hinderances, and discouragements, with which each one closes. This will serve to guide the committee in the order adopted for the Narrative now offered.

1. The evidences of progress and encouragement, are the steadily increasing attendance on the public means of grace - the respectful attention paid to the word preached - the good order, and solemnity that pervade the congregations assembled - the presence of the Holy Spirit in his awakening and converting influences - the additions made to the churches of such as, it is hoped, shall be saved - the erection of the family altar in houses where it did not exist before - the enlarged operations, and beneficial effects of Sabbath School, and Bible class instruction - the increasing interest manifested in the religious training of the

Slave population by Sabbath Schools, and Bible classes, as well as by the public preaching of the gospel - the erection of new Houses of worship, and the preparation made for the erection of others - the observance of the monthly concert of prayer, and a commendable degree of liberality to the various objects of benevolence - These indications of advance are such as should call forth devout expressions of gratitude and praise to the Great Head of the church, whose presence and blessing have been vouchsafed to give efficacy to his own instituted means of grace. ✓

2. The hinderances and discouragements are such as will exist as long as men continues the depraved being he now is. These are the divisions and dissensions that exist to some extent - the eager haste to be rich - in connexion with it the prevalence of worldly mindedness and worldly conformity - conformity to its maxims and principles, and fashions and follies - the felt necessity of church discipline, and the need of a moral tone and nerve sufficient to execute it - the variableness of interest in, and attendance upon the monthly concert of prayer, and other meetings of prayer - the slow advance in liberality, if there be any advance at all - in a word, the need of a deep - ardent, self-denying piety. These are evils with the bosom of the church which should humble us in the dust, and prompt every disciple of Christ to strive earnestly to remove them, and to look prayerfully and constantly to the Holy Spirit of promise, that he would graciously interpose and remove them.

The committee would add, that the Presbytery continues

to be deeply interested in the cause of christian Education, both male and female. Certain untoward events that have recently occurred may check, for a time the progress of the Female Institute at Statesville; it is however hoped that these may be overruled so as to result in its ultimate success - Davidson College is pursuing its great work of imparting a sound religious Education with a steady vigour and energy, and both Institutions are commended to the prayers of all Gods people.

(Signed) D. Lacy, Chairman of Com.

Statistical report presented.

The Stated clerk presented the Statistical report, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Re-assignment of the churches ordered.

It was Resolved - That the Treasurer of Presbytery, Rev. H. B. Cunningham, be, and he hereby is instructed to re-assign the churches with reference to the Commissioners and contingent funds, and report to Presbytery during its Spring meeting.

Report of one member of Com. to visit Female College at Statesville.

Rev. P. J. Penick, a member of the committee appointed to visit the Female College at Statesville, and attend the examination, presented a report. This report was read, and while the motion to adopt this paper was under discussion, the order of the day arrived, viz; the Devotional Exercises. After spending an hour in these exercises, Rev. P. J. Penick's report was again taken up, and on motion this whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Devotional Exercises.

Report of Com. on the case of Appeal from the decision of the Session of Concord Town church.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the sense of Presbytery in the case of the appeal from the church of Concord Town presented their report, which was adopted, and is as following:

The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the opinion of Presbytery in the case of the Appeal of Mr. Charles F. Harris

from the decision of the Session of the church of Concord Town, recommend the adoption of the following; viz;

1. Resolved - That the Appeal of Mr. C. F. Harris be not sustained, inasmuch as it does not embody the points contained in the decision of the session, and consequently is no appeal from the judgment of said Session.

2. Resolved - That while Presbytery confirms the decision of the Session of Concord Town church in suspending Mr. C. F. Harris from the privileges of the church, yet it expresses its disapprobation of the manner in which this case was conducted, and it is recommended to this session to exercise more care hereafter in the transaction of judicial business by adhering closely to the Form of Discipline.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Chairman of Com.

Presbytery took a recess until after divine worship this morning.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Dr. Cumming, of the Methodist Episcopal church having tendered the use of their church for services on to-morrow; the following resolution was presented and adopted; viz:

Vote of thanks. Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Methodist Brethren for the offer of their place of worship to the members of this body - also that the thankful acknowledgments be and are hereby returned to the families of Asheville and vicinity for the cordial reception, and hospitality shown to the Presbytery; and that this resolution be communicated by Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. to the congregation from the pulpit.

Rev. W. S. Moore made some statements in reference to the work of Domestic Missions in his field of labor.

Com. appointed to visit the church of Rutherfordton.

The communication from the church of Rutherfordton was taken up; Whereupon a committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., Rev. Thos. N. Paxton, and Mr. D. I. Summey, were appointed to visit said church, and enquire into the nature of the difficulties said to exist there, and endeavour to adjust said difficulties.

Stated Supplies and churches having stated supplies, call on to assign reasons why the pastoral relation has not been constituted.

The Standing Rule requiring Stated supplies, and churches having stated supplies, to assign reasons for not taking necessary steps for constituting the Pastoral relation was complied with; when Rev. J. S. Hall, Stated Supply to the church of New Hope, Rev. T. N. Paxton, Stated Supply to the churches of Marion, Siloam, and Drusilla; Rev. R. K. Davis, Stated Supply to the churches of Lincolnton, and Long creek; Rev. W. S. Moore, Stated supply to the churches of Ebenezer, and Franklin; Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., Stated Supply to the church of Swannanoa; Mr. J. G. Gray, Ruling Elder from the church of Ebenezer; and Mr. Curtis Sanders, Ruling Elder from the church of Franklin; were called on, and they assigned their reasons.

Report of com. on the installation of Rev. R. H. Chapman over the church of Asheville.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. over the church of Asheville reported that they had fixed on the time for this service to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. This report was adopted.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Philadelphia church on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the benediction.

E. D. Junkin, W. D. Cumming, } Temporary Clerks. R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz; Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., D. Lindley, Thos. J. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, and Thos. C. Davis.

Philadelphia Church.
Thursday, Oct. 8th 1857
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. D. A. Penick was chosen ~~Moderator~~ Constituted with prayer. Present.

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick,	
R. H. Lafferty,	J. M. Caldwell.
E. D. Junkin,	
J. Rumple.	C. J. Alexander.
	Wm Maxwell. Philadelphia ch.

Corresponding members.

Rev. James M. Walker of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

L. L. Stewart passes his trial sermon for ordination.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will now hear the trial sermon of Mr L. L. Stewart; which he accordingly presented from Jno. I. 28. the text previously assigned.

Leave of absence asked and refused.

Rev. J. Rumple asked that he might have leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. This request was not granted.

Call from the congregation of Bethlehem for one third of the pastoral services of Mr L. L. Stewart, promising $151.00 was laid before Presbytery which being found in due form, was placed in Mr Stewart's hands for consideration; whereupon Mr Stewart signified his willingness to accept this call.

Call from the church of Bethlehem.

Ruling Elder appears.

Mr B. Muse, Ruling Elder from the church of Bethlehem appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Rev. J. M. Walker received as a member.

Rev James M. Walker presented a letter of dismission from the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South

with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery; Whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and this examination being entirely satisfactory he was received as a member.

Rev. J. M. Walker then asked that he might, in consequence of his impaired health, have his time at his own disposal until the spring meeting of Presbytery. This request was granted.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet this afternoon at the House of Mr Wm Maxwell, at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr Wm Maxwell.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

L. L. Stewart examined.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr L. L. Stewart with a view to his ordination. He was examined on experimental religion; on Philosophy; and on Ecclesiastical History.

Mr J. M. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from the church of Sugar creek obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning.

Mr Stewart was examined on Theology, and the Greek Language. Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to examine Mr Stewart on Church Government, and the Sacraments.

Examination of L. L. Stewart sustained.

Having gone through with the examination, it was Resolved. That the examination of Mr L. L. Stewart in all its parts be and it hereby is sustained, and that Presbytery will proceed on to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock to the ordination services, and the installation of Mr Stewart over the united congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem.

Ordination services and installation of L. L. Stewart.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at the church at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 9th 1857.

11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment at the church and was opened with prayer.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the ordination services of S.S. Stewart. The sermon was preached by Rev. R.H. Lafferty; after which the constitutional questions being answered in the affirmative by Mr. Stewart and the congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem, S.S. Stewart was by prayer, and with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, according to the apostolic example, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the Gospel ministry; and installed pastor of the united congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem. After which Rev. D.A. Penick gave a solemn charge in the name of God, to the newly ordained minister, and Rev. J. Rumple gave the charge to the people.

Ordination of S.S. Stewart.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Charlotte on Wednesday Oct. 21st 1857 at 4 o'clock, P.M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

R.H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina.

Statistical report to Synod.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 36 Ministers, and have under their care 63 Churches, 6 Licentiates, and 7 Candidates; that on the 8th day of Jan 1857

they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. D.H. Dalton and the congregations of Fourth creek and Bethesda, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 9th day of Jan. 1857, they ordained to the full work of the ministry Mr. Jethro Rumple, and installed him pastor over the congregation of Sharon; that on the 16th day of Jan. 1857, they installed Rev. J. Rumple over the congregation of Providence; that on the 16th day of April 1857, they dismissed Mr. J. Curtis Stewart, a Licentiate, with a view of putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. A.W. Miller and the congregation of Charlotte, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. A.W. Miller with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of East Hanover, Va.; that on the 18th day of April 1857, they licensed Mr. D.A. Penick, Jr. to preach the gospel as a probationer for the holy Ministry; that on the 9th day of May 1857 they installed Rev. J.D. Hall over the church of Goshen; that on the 17th day of June 1857, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. B.L. Riddick and the congregations of Bethany and Tabor, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Walter W. Hurd and the congregations of Poplar Tent and Bethpage, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they licensed W.A. Wood, J.A. Bryce, and J.D. Wilson, to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy Ministry; that on the 18th day of June 1857, they installed Rev. Walter W. Hurd over the church of Fourth creek; that on the 6th day of Sept. 1857, they installed Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D.D. over the church of Asheville; that on the 2d day of Oct. 1857, they installed Rev. B.L. Riddick over the church of Franklin; that on the 8th day of Oct. 1857, they received as a member by certificate Rev. James M. Walker from the First Presbytery

of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; that on the 9th day of Oct 1857, they ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry Mr. L. Stewart, and installed him over the united churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem; and that on the 16th day of Oct 1857, they installed Rev. B.L. Rowland over the church of Unity (Rowan Co); that on the 21st day of Oct 1857, they dismissed Rev. P.H. Dalton to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange; and that on the same day they received as a member Rev. Alexander Sinclair by certificate from the Presbytery of Allegheny City, Synod of Allegheny.

By order of Presbytery,

R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

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Walter W. Pharr. Mod.

Meeting at Synod.

Charlotte, N.C.
Wednesday, Oct. 21st 1857.
½ o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and, the Moderator not being present, was opened with prayer by the last Moderator, Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. W.S. Pharr,	
D.A. Penick,	Messrs. John L. McClarty,
J.D. Hall,	Wm. Rutledge.
H.B. Cunningham, D.D.	
R.H. Chapman, D.D.	
R.H. Lafferty,	J.F. Summey,
P.H. Dalton,	R.F. Barnett.
P.J. Penick,	
E.D. Junkin,	R.W. Allison,
S.C. Alexander,	M.D. Johnston, Charlotte Ch.
J. Rumple,	H.F. McKnight, Hopewell Ch.
A.L. Stewart,	Thos. H. McClelland, Poplar Tent Ch.
	Robert Beaty, New Hope Ch.
	Thos. B. Price, Steele creek.

Rev. P.H. Dalton dismissed.

Rev. P.H. Dalton was dismissed at his own request to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange.

Call from Poplar Tent for D.A. Penick, Jr.

A call from the church of Poplar Tent for the pastoral services of Mr. D.A. Penick, Jr. promising a salary of $800.00, was laid before Presbytery. This call was placed in Mr. Penick's hands for consideration. Whereupon he asked that he might retain this call in his hands for more mature deliberation. This request was granted.

Charlotte, N. C. Wednesday, Oct. 21st 1857

Rev. A. Sinclair received from Allegheny city Presbytery.

Rev. Alexander Sinclair presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Allegheny City with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery. Whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Call from Charlotte Ch. for Rev. A. Sinclair.

A call from the church of Charlotte for the pastoral services of Rev. Alexander Sinclair, promising a salary of $1500.00, was laid before Presbytery. This call was placed in the hands of Rev. A. Sinclair for consideration: Whereupon he signified his willingness to accept this call.

Call accepted.

Com. to make arrangement for installation of Rev. A. Sinclair

A committee, consisting of Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D., Rev. W. L. Pharr and Mr. M. D. Johnston, was appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. A. Sinclair over the church of Charlotte.

The committee appointed to visit the church of Rutherfordton presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to visit the church of Rutherfordton report that through their Chairman they visited the said church, attended to the business, and effected a deliverance on the subject. They respectfully ask to be discharged.

Report of com. to visit Rutherfordton church.

(Signed) Robert H. Chapman, Chairman.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Thursday, Oct 22d 1857

9 o'clock, A. M.

Members appeared in Presbytery.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. The following members appeared in Presbytery this morning; viz: Rev. Messrs. Jesse

Charlotte, Thursday, Oct. 22d 1857

Rankin, W. S. Moore, S. Frontis, D. S. Rudisill, J. A. Sexton, S. B. O. Wilson; Ruling Elders: Messrs. John E. Moore of Philadelphia church, Jas. H. Greenlee, Marion ch., Charles A. King, Concord ch. W. S. Moore, Morganton ch., Isaac Witherspoon, Bethesda ch. and Jas. A. Dunn, Providence ch.

Report of Rev. Jesse Rankin, Evangelist.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, Evangelist, proceeded to make a report of his labors during the year, but before he had concluded, the time for the meeting of Synod arrived, and Presbytery took a recess until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Friday, Oct. 23d 1857

8 o'clock, A. M.

Members appeared in Pres.

After recess, Presbytery met. Rev. Messrs. J. E. Morrison, and J. W. Erwin appeared in Presbytery.

Corresponding members.

Rev. John C. Sinclair of the Presbytery of Allegheny city, and the Rev. James Sinclair of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Arrangements for installation of Rev. J. W. Erwin over Concord ch.

It was Resolved. That the installation of Rev. J. W. Erwin over the church of Concord take place on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath in Nov. That Rev. W. W. Pharr preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the pastor; and that Rev. S. B. O. Wilson give the charge to the people. Rev. B. L. Riddel be the alternate to each.

Report of Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin.

The unfinished business was taken up; viz: the report of our Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin. His report was accepted and approved, and is as follows; viz:

Previous to the spring meeting of Presbytery I had spent the time mainly in ascertaining the locality

Evangelist's report continued.

of the feeble churches, where there might be persons, or families with presbyterian predilections, who were out of the reach of the influence of organized churches. Since that time I have employed myself chiefly in visiting the feeble churches, and endeavouring to strengthen them, co-operating with the missionaries or supplies where there were such for that purpose.

In this work I have twice visited Cherokee, holding of three or four days continuance in several of the most important places on the way.

I have also twice visited Salisbury in order to meet the committee of the German Reformed Classis. The results of that conference will be learned from the report of the committee to Synod. I have visited Lincolnton, Rutherfordton, Hendersonville, Wilkesboro, and Newton, besides numerous country places. In all these journeyings I have preached 116 times.

In preaching it has been the object to impart truth bearing on the depravity of human nature, the guilt of all out of Christ, the work of the Spirit, the necessity and efficacy of the atonement, the importance of the word of God, as the instrument in the hands of the Spirit, the reality and the nature of the divine government, and the sovereignty of God in the exercise of that government, have been always made more or less prominent.

Two members have been added to the little church of Lincolnton, to the church of Rheims' creek: 5 or 6 to the church of Hendersonville: 14 to the churches in Macon (more than 20 per cent on the formed membership) and 3 to the church of Rivasdale. These churches have enjoyed the services in

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different amounts of faithful brethren. I only mention these additions as coming into the churches which I have visited, and indicating their progress towards the condition of self-sustentation.

An object in all cases, in visiting the fields of our missionaries has to stimulate the churches to greater liberality in supporting their missionaries. In the church of Little Britain their subscription was increased some $60.00 or $70.00. The church of Franklin in Macon county has recently doubled the aggregate of their formed subscription. For Domestic Missions this church raised in a public collection a few weeks since $15.00. The missionary there is laboring with zeal, judgment, and obvious efficiency, and yet I presume he feels and would acknowledge that his hands have been strengthened by the visits of your evangelist.

The church in Cherokee was not in a condition that justified the expectation of much increase at present in the subscriptions to their missionary. They are just paying up their subscription for the erection of one church edifice, and are raising funds for the erection of another.
The past has been a year of great embarrassment in that country from the scarcity and high price of grain and provender.
The additions to the church have been small, and yet there is a reasonable probability of considerable additions in no very long time. There are persons enough with decided presbyterian predilections, and more or less seriously concerned about their personal salvation, very nearly to double the membership of this church if they were brought in. At their communion

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a few weeks since they raised by a public collection $100.00 for Domestic Missions. When their churches are paid for, and the farming interest in its average prosperity, they will doubtless do more towards the support of their ministers. He is a laborious and self denying man. (His missionary is Rev. John C. McPherson.)

It was hoped that an earnest effort might excite one of the churches in McDowell county to such an extent as would render the churches in that county self sustaining. But the weather during the meeting at which this effort was to be made, was so inclement as to diminish the congregations materially, and forbid such effort at that time.

There is an inviting field for a missionary in Buncombe county. There are some 70 or more members of the church in that field. They could probably be induced to raise three hundred dollars or more for an active and popular missionary. There are strong reasons why an efficient missionary should be speedily sent to that field.

There is another field in Burke and Rutherford counties where a missionary is greatly needed. There are fifty or more members of the church in that region. They could not raise so large a portion of a mans support. There are too many presbyterian families and members of the church in this field to be neglected. We must take care of such communities if we contemplate any such thing as extending our churches over our whole territory. At any expense these presbyterian communities must be taken care of.

If it be possible to obtain a support for another missionary one should be employed for Haywood and Jackson. There are a

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few presbyterians in those counties. Those in Haywood are as yet connected with the New School, but the brother who preaches to them statedly at pretty wide intervals (his principal work that of teaching school) has removed, and they would probably fall in with a minister of either school, who should visit them. Such was the opinion of one of their most intelligent men expressed to me.

The permanent occupancy of these three points has a special importance in the fact that they would complete a line of contiguous churches throughout the whole length of our Presbytery in its longest dimensions. It seems to your Evangelist that this step is indispensable to the full occupancy of our territory, and that there are materials now to operate upon in these places that may be lost or greatly diminished by a little delay. We should risk some embarrassment to accomplish this plan soon.

It is the opinion of your Evangelist, that a presbyterian church can be built up any where by a suitable man, and by continued effort. If we can get suitable men, and they can show a reasonable efficiency in their work, the churches can be stimulated to support them. If we have to make a special and pressing application to the churches, the application will come with redoubled effect after missionaries are planted, and showing some fruits of their labor. Let us retain our young men, promising them the necessary support to secure their services, and trust to God and the churches to sustain us. If we plant our young men in these fields, the older and more experienced pastors should, if found necessary, go and aid them by the month.

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The churches may be made to extend laterally by degrees, when the central line is completed. South of this line there are presbyterians here and there in every few miles; and as one after another of the churches receiving aid becomes self sustaining, we can extend our efforts laterally.

—Jesse Rankin, Evangelist.

Rev. J. Rankin reelected evangelist.

It was unanimously Resolved. That Rev. Jesse Rankin be and he hereby is continued for another year as the Evangelist of Presbytery.

Arrangements for the installation of Rev. A. Sinclair over the church of Charlotte.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. A. Sinclair over the church of Charlotte presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows: viz: That Rev. James Sinclair of the Presbytery of Fayetteville be invited to preach the installation sermon; Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. preside and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. John C. Sinclair of the Presbytery of Alleghany city be invited to deliver the charge to the pastor; and the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. deliver the charge to the people. That Rev. J. Lacy, D.D. be alternate to Rev. James Sinclair; Rev. J. A. Penick be alternate to Rev. John C. Sinclair; Rev. S. Frontis be alternate to Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and that Rev. W. W. Thaxe be alternate to Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.; and that these services take place in the church on Sabbath, Oct 25th 1857, at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Rev. S. Frontis was released from the duty assigned him in the installation services at Shiloh church, and Rev. S. B. O. Wilson was substituted in his place.

The case of Mrs. McCutchen, widow of the late Rev.

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Aid to be sought from the sustentation fund for Mrs. McCutchen and family.

J. S. McCutchen, was brought to the notice of Presbytery; whereupon, Rev. W. W. Thaxe, Rev. Jesse Rankin, and Mr. James Hill, were appointed a committee to consult with this family, and secure aid from the sustentation fund.

The churches to take up collections for sustentation fund.

Resolved—That it be recommended to all our churches to take up collections annually for the superannuated and disabled ministers' Fund.

Presbytery took a recess to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Saturday, Oct. 24th 1857.

8 o'clock, A.M.

Com. to audit books of Treasurer of D. Missions.

After recess. Presbytery met. Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. and E. Nye Hutchison, M.D. were appointed a committee to audit the books of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions, and report at the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. W. G. Campbell received from Lexington Pres.

Rev. Wm. G. Campbell presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Lexington, Va. with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery; whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and this examination being sustained, he was received as a member.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Concord on Thursday before the first Sabbath in April 1858, at 7 o'clock, P.M. Closed with prayer.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

"Pro re nata" meeting.

Poplar Tent Church, N.C.
Wednesday, Jan. 27th 1858.

The Presbytery of Concord met in "pro re nata" session at the call of the Moderator, in the session house of Poplar Tent church, at 11 o'clock, A.M., and was constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, Jesse Rankin, H.B. Cunningham, D.D., P.J. Penick.	Messrs. J.O. Rhea; D. L. Caldwell, Poplar Tent ch'h.

Rev. H.B. Cunningham, D.D. was appointed temporary clerk.

Mr. D.A. Penick, N., a probationer under the case of Presbytery signified his acceptance of the call from Poplar Tent church, which had been previously laced in his hands: Whereupon it was Resolved to proceed to his trial and examination, in order to his ordination and Installation.

Rom. II. 6: was assigned him as the subject of his trial sermon.

Presbytery then took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church to hear the trial sermon.

During the delivery of the sermon Rev. Messrs. D. Lacy, D.D., and E.D. Rankin, arrived; and after sermon they gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Mr. D.A. Penick accepts the call from the church of Poplar Tent.

Text for trial sermon assigned.

Trial sermon preached. Members effect in part.

Poplar Tent church, Wednesday, Jan. 27th 1858.

Corresponding member.

The Rev. Geo. McNeill of Fayetteville Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. D.L. Caldwell obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery; and Mr. E.R. Harris his alternate took his seat.

Com. appointed

Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. and Mr. E.R. Harris, were appointed a committee to examine the trial sermon of Mr. D.A. Penick.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mr. E.R. Harris, at the call of the Moderator.

After recess

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator.

Report of com. to examine the trial sermon of Mr. D.A. Penick

The committee to which the sermon of Mr. D.A. Penick was referred for examination presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz: "The committee appointed to examine the sermon of Mr. D.A. Penick, N. report that they have read enough of it to feel satisfied that the views presented are sound and scriptural; that the order of discussion is perfect, and at the same time sufficiently logical; and that the performance as a whole is creditable to his talents and piety; and recommend to Presbytery to sustain it as a part of his trial. (Signed) D. Lacy, } Com. E.R. Harris }

Members obtain leave of absence.

The Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery; and Mr. J.O. Rhea obtained leave of absence from the sessions of this evening.

Examination of Mr. Penick. Examination sustained.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. D.A. Penick, N. on all the subjects required by our Form of Government, all which examinations were sustained.

Poplar Tent church Wednesday, Jan. 27th 1858.

Arrangements for the ordination of D.A. Penick.

The examination having been brought to a close, it was Resolved. That on to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A.M. Presbytery will proceed to the ordination and Installation services in the church: And that Revd Jesse Rankin preside, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the people; Revd D.A. Penick, Jr preach the sermon; and Revd T.J. Penick give the charge to the Pastor.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Poplar Tent to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Poplar Tent church:
Thursday, Jan. 28th 1858.
11 o'clock, A.M.

Ordination of D.A. Penick, Jr over the church of Poplar Tent.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The ordination and installation services were attended to according to the arrangements of yesterday: and Daniel A. Penick, Jr was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the full work of the holy ministry, and regularly installed pastor over the church and congregation of Poplar Tent.

Presbytery adjourned. Closed with prayer.

H.B. Cunningham, Temporary clerk.

R.H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

Concord, Cabarrus County, N.C.
Thursday, April 1st 1858.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Revd Jesse Rankin, from Phil. 1. 8: "For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Revd Messrs. S. Frontis,	Messrs. Geo. W. Pickler,
James D. Hall,	R.I. McDowell.
H.B. Cunningham, D.D.	H.C. Fite.
A. Baker,	D.F. Summey,
John E. McPherson,	W. Alexander Long,
W.W. Pharr,	S. Winecoff,
Thos. N. Paxton,	W. John L. Erwin,
R.N. Davis,	J.A. Ramsour,
R.H. Lafferty,	Wm. Arrowood,
Jesse Rankin,	W.D.L. Caldwell,
T.J. Penick,	R.L. Young,
D.S. Beall,	R. McPherson,
Wm. C. Shultz,	Daniel Coleman,
S.C. Alexander,	D.A. Caldwell,
E.D. Junkin,	Wm. Ross,
B.S. Rhodes,	J.C. Ford,
Jethro Rumple,	J.S. Boyd,
Leander L. Stewart,	John Steele,
J.M. Walker,	John R. Patterson.
Alexander Sinclair,	

Concord Town, Thursday, April 1st 1858.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs. S.T. Jenkins, for Moderator, and Rev. R.N. Davis, and Mr. D.F. Summey, for temporary clerks.

The Moderator elect then took the chair.

Presbytery adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, April 2nd 1858.

8½ o'clock.

Roll called.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of last evening were read and approved.

Ruling Elders appear in Pres.

Mr. R.A.H. Krefs, Ruling Elder from the church of Franklin (Macon co.), and Jas. W. Osborne Esq. Ruling Elder from the church of Charlotte appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

Minutes of last meeting & adjourned meeting read.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the adjourned meetings at Philadelphia church, and at Charlotte, also of the "Pro re nata" meeting at Poplar Tent, were read and approved.

Reports of those appointed to supply vacant churches.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to answer whether they had attended to the duties assigned them; when it appeared that these appointments had been generally fulfilled.

Order of the day. Hearing the trial sermon of Mr. W.J. Hall.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 2 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Wm. J. Hall, after which to proceed with his examination with a view to his licensure.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees.

On Devotional Exercises: Revs. P.J. Benick, and Daniel Coleman.

On Supplies: Revs. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, B.L. Wood, and Dr. D.F. Caldwell.

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Committees of Synodical Records.

On the Narrative: Revs. Messrs. W.D. Cunningham, D.D., R.N. Davis, and Mr. R.F. McDowell.

Judicial Committee: Revs. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, S. Frontis, Thos. H. Pegton, Messrs. J.W. Osborne, and D.A. Caldwell.

On Minutes of Synod: Revs. Messrs. B.L. Beall, Wm. C. Mentz, and Mr. R.F. Young.

On Systematic Benevolence: Revs. Messrs. A. Baker, A. Sinclair, and Dr. John L. Irwin.

On Sessional Records: Unity (Lincoln co.), Mayfield, Salisbury, and Evergreen — Rev. S. Frontis, and Mr. Geo. M. Ackler.

Long creek, Lincolnton, and Franklin (Macon co.) — Rev. W.D. Cunningham, D.D. and Mr. W.C. Fite.

Asheville, and Poplar Tent — Rev. J.C. McPherson, and Dr. Alexander Long.

Third creek, Fifth creek, and Concord Town — Rev. W. Ward and R.F. Young.

Mallard creek, Ramah, Back creek, and Olney — Rev. A. Baker and J.D. Ward.

New Hope, Goshen, Hopewell, and Red creek — Rev. Thos. H. Pegton and S. Honeycutt.

Bethany, and Philadelphia — Rev. J.L. Hall, and R.F. McDowell.

Centre, and Taylorsville — Rev. R.N. Davis, and R.A.H. Krefs.

Marion, and Bruceville — R.H. Lafferty, and J.A. Ramsour.

Lenoir, Charlotte, Hickory, and Wilson — Rev. B.L. Beall, and R. McPherson.

Rocky River, and College church — Rev. Wm. C. Mentz, and P. Coleman.

Franklin (Rowan co.), Joppa, and Unity (Rowan co.) — Rev. C. Alexander, and D.A. Caldwell.

Prospect, and Bethel — Rev. B.L. Wood, and Wm. Rose.

Bethany, Tabor, and Morganton — Rev. J. Rumple, and J.C. Ford.

Steele creek, Providence, Pleasant Hill, and Sugar creek — Rev. L.L. Hillcott, and T.L. Boyd.

Sharon, Rutherfordton, and Hendersonville — Rev. J.M. Walker, and John Steele.

Hopewell, and Fourth creek — Rev. A. Sinclair, and J.R. Patterson.

Shiloh, Concord, and Ebenezer — Rev. P.J. Benick, and Dr. D.F. Caldwell.

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Letters of excuse from absent members.

Letters were received and read from Revs. Messrs. R.H. Morrison, D.D., R.H. Chapman, D.D., Thos. J. Johnston, and Wm. S. Rowe, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Dr. Morrison resigns his place in the com. of D. Missions.

Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D. tendered his resignation as a member of the committee of Domestic Missions, which was accepted.

Com. appointed to audit accounts of Treasurer of Education com. and Church Ex. com.

Rev. S.C. Alexander, and Daniel Coleman, were appointed a committee to audit the report of the Treasurer of the Education committee, and also of the Church Extension committee.

Com. to nominate persons to fill vacancies in com. of D. Missions.

A special committee was appointed to examine into the constitution (or) organization of the committee of Domestic Missions, and to make nominations to fill vacancies.

Letter of excuse.

Rev. W.C. Sutton dismissed to Harmony Pres.

A letter from Rev. Wm. C. Sutton was read, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, which were not sustained; also asking to be dismissed with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Harmony, S.C. His request was granted, and he was accordingly dismissed.

Rev. Thos. E. Davis dismissed to South Carolina Pres.

The Rev. Thos. E. Davis was dismissed, at his own request, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Papers containing charges against Mr. Caleb Phifer.

Papers containing Charges against Mr. Caleb Phifer were brought before Presbytery by reference from the session of the church of Concord Town. These papers were referred to the Judicial committee.

Members appeared in Pres.

Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, Sr. and D.A. Penick, Jr., appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

Ruling Elders appeared in Pres.

Mr. Wm. McGinnis, Ruling Elder from the church of Mallard creek, Mr. Robert L. Alexander, Ruling Elder from the church of Hopewell, and Mr. J.O. Sherrill, Ruling Elder from the church of Rocky River, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats as members.

The committee appointed to re-assess the churches presented

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Assessment of the churches for the commissioners' fund and contingent expenses.

their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Assessment on the churches for the commissioners Fund and contingent expenses made in 1858 by order of Presbytery.

Asheville church	$ 6.00	Hopewell,	$ 14.00	Philadelphia	$ 9.00
Bethel,	6.00	Hiwassee,	3.00	Ramah,	6.00
Bethany,	7.00	Hendersonville,	2.00	Rocky River,	20.00
Bethlehem,	5.00	Joppa,	5.00	Rheims creek,	4.00
Bethesda,	5.00	Lenoir,	3.00	Rutherfordton,	4.00
Back Creek,	8.00	Lebanon,	4.00	Salisbury,	20.00
Bethpage,	7.00	Little Britain,	5.00	Siloam,	4.00
Charlotte,	20.00	Lincolnton,	6.00	Sugar creek,	14.00
Colley church,	7.00	Long creek,	4.00	Shiloh,	3.00
Centre,	10.00	Mallard creek,	7.00	Stule creek,	14.00
Concord Town,	14.00	Mecpelah,	5.00	Sharon,	8.00
Concord,	12.00	Marion,	4.00	Salem,	5.00
Dallas,	3.00	Monroe,	2.00	Savannanoa,	4.00
Brusilla,	2.00	Morganton,	4.00	Third creek,	14.00
Duncan's creek,	3.00	Red Hope,	7.00	Thyatira,	8.00
Ebenezer,	3.00	Olney,	3.00	Tabor,	7.00
Fifth creek,	4.00	Par creek,	6.00	Taylorsville,	3.00
Fourth creek,	14.00	Poplar Tent,	14.00	Unity (Lincoln co.)	10.00
Franklin (Macon co.)	2.00	Prospect,	14.00	Unity (Rowan co.)	5.00
Franklin (Rowan co.)	4.00	Pleasant Hill,	7.00	Wadesboro,	3.00
Goshen,	5.00	Providence,	8.00	Wilkesboro,	2.00
				Total	$ 438.00

(Signed) H.B. Cunningham, Treasurer & com.

Second order of the day.

It was made the second order of the day this afternoon the presenting Episcopal Records, Statistical reports, and narratives on the state of religion.

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Calls from Centre and Bethpage churches for Mr W. Thard

Calls for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm W. Thard were laid before Presbytery from the united congregations of Centre and Bethpage promising him $351.00 each. These calls being in due form were ordered to be placed in Mr. Thards hands for his consideration.

Presbytery took a recess of 15 minutes.

After recess.

Report on Domestic Mission presented and referred.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the standing order of the day, viz; the report of the committee of Domestic Missions. After the reading of this report, and several addresses being delivered on the subject of it, It was Resolved. That the Report be referred to a special committee consisting of Revd D. A. Penick, Sr, Revs A. Baker and J. H. Osborne.

Treasurer of D. Missions pro tempore appointed

Rev. Walter W. Thard was appointed Treasurer "pro tempore" in the absence of the Treasurer, Revd E. F. Rockwell, to receive all moneys for Domestic Missions.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess

Member appears in Pres.

Presbytery met. Revd E. F. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. J. W. Spencer, Ruling Elder from College church, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Rufus Gibson, Ruling Elder from Bethel church appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Wm J. Hall presents his trial sermon.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: hearing the trial sermon of Wm J. Hall, after which the sermon was referred to the committee on Theology for examination.

Mr Hall then read his Lecture. His Latin Exegesis was referred to the committee on Languages.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. J. A. Burke, Ruling Elder from the church of Third Creek

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appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Report of com. on Devotional exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

The Committee on Devotional Exercises report that they recommend to Presbytery to spend, during its present sessions, one hour every morning previous to its proceeding to regular Presbyterial business, in united prayer with the congregation, for the outpouring of Gods spirit upon the churches of Concord Presbytery, and especially for a revival of religion at Davidson College: that the Moderator conduct these exercises in connection with other brethren whom he may select: and that these prayer meetings be the devotional exercises of Presbytery.

(Signed) D. F. Penick, chairman of Com.

Report of Judicial Com. in the case of C. B. Dunzen against Caleb Thigpen.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the papers referred to them in the case of C. B. Dunzen against Caleb Thigpen, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Judicial committee to whom were referred the papers laid before the Presbytery in relation to the case of C. B. Dunzen against Caleb Thigpen would respectfully report that they have examined the charges preferred, the proceedings of the session in regard to the matter, and the manner in which the testimony has been prepared.

They find charges against the accused in the following terms:

1. Dishonesty and fraud in depriving me of my dues.
2. Deception and lying in denying what he knows to be true.
3. In both of these transactions conduct inconsistent with a christian profession, and unbecoming a member of the church of Christ.

These charges are by no means in the form prescribed by our book

of discipline - which requires, if possible that times, places, and circumstances be ascertained and stated.

While this is true of the allegations, it appears that all the testimony in the case has been taken in regard to a particular transaction, in its nature definite and specific. It is submitted therefore to the Presbytery whether this objection shall be waived, and they proceed to issue and decide the case.

With this exception the committee report that they find the testimony taken in the case to be regular & in compliance with the rules prescribed in such cases - and the case in a state of readiness for judicial action. In the event, that the case is proceeded with, they would recommend that the following be the order, viz:

1. That the charges be read.
2. That the accused be called on to admit or deny.
3. That the testimony in behalf of the accusation be heard.
4. That the testimony for the defence be heard.
5. That the accuser and the accused be fully heard, either by themselves or such members of Presbytery as may be designated for this duty with their consent.
6. That all the members of Presbytery be heard in conformity to the Book of Disciplines, Chr. X. Art 8
7. That the final vote be taken.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, Chairman of Judl Com.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to take up the above judicial case.

The standing order of the day for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock was suspended.

Examination of Mr Hall on the Hebrew Language referred to committee on Languages.

The examination of Mr W. J. Hall on the Hebrew Language was referred to the committee on Languages.

Examination of Mr Hall.

Presbytery proceeded to examine him on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, and Church Government.

Order of the day attended to.

The time having arrived for the order of the day, this business was attended to, viz; presenting Sessional Records, and placing them in the hands of committees appointed to examine them; handing in statistical reports, and reading them.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr R. L. Young obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for this evening at 7 o'clock to hear the remaining examination of Mr Hall.

Report of com. on Sessional records.

The committee on the Sessional Records of Siloam, Charlotte, and Leonid churches presented their report, which was accepted.

Request of Mr Rigler granted.

At the request of Mr Caleb Rigler, Messrs. D. Coleman, and R. L. McDowell, were appointed to aid him in managing his defence.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr J. L. Boyd obtained leave of absence for to-morrow.

Order of the day.

It was made the 3d order of the day for to-morrow to hear the reports of the different committees on Sessional Records.

Rev. R. L. Beall dismissed to Bethel Pres.

Rev. R. L. Beall was dismissed, at his own request, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Bethel.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Mr J. C. Alexander reads his critical exercise & lecture.

Presbytery met. The examination of Mr Hall on the Hebrew Language was taken up.

Lecture exercise referred.

Presbytery then proceeded to hear Mr J. C. Alexander read his Critical Exercise, and his Lecture.

Mr Alexander's Latin Exegesis was referred to the committee on Languages: and his Critical Exercise, and Lecture, were approved

as satisfactory parts of trial. ✓

Report of com. to examine Mr Hall's Latin exegesis, and Sermon.

The committee to examine the Latin Exegesis and the Popular Sermon of Mr. Hall reported, recommending that they be sustained as satisfactory parts of trial. This report was adopted.

Members offered in Pres.

Rev. G. D. Parks and Rev. J. W. Erwin, appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Corresponding members.

Rev. S. C. Hart, D. D. of the Presbytery of Knoxville; and the Rev. R. Burwell of the Presbytery of Orange, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Examination of Mr. W. J. Hall sustained and he is licensed to preach the gospel.

It was Resolved. That the examination of Mr. Wm. J. Hall in all its parts be and it hereby is sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will now proceed to License him to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; Whereupon he the said William Thomas Hall was accordingly Licensed to preach, as prescribed in our Form of Government.

Reports of com. to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Education and Church Extension.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Education committee, and of the committee of Church Extension, presented their report, which were adopted and are as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to audit the account of E. Nye Hutchison, Treasurer of the Board of Education report, that they have discharged their duty and found the accounts correctly kept, and there is now a balance of $314.70 cts in his hands.

(Signed) S. C. Alexander
Daniel Coleman

The committee appointed to audit the account of E. Nye Hutchison Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension report that they have examined the same and find it correct. And there is now in his hands $162.60 cts. April 2d 1858.

(Signed) S. C. Alexander
Daniel Coleman

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Resolution to aid Mrs. McCutchen.

The following preamble and Resolution were presented and adopted, viz: Whereas it has been brought to the notice of this Presbytery that Mrs. McCutchen, the widow of the late Revd S. McCutchen, is in need of pecuniary aid; Therefore Resolved That this Presbytery pledges itself to pay to Mrs. McCutchen the sum of $112.50 cts annually and that the collection be taken up tomorrow morning after the prayer meeting.

Auditing com. Report.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions presented their report which was approved and adopted. (This report is not among the papers) * See page 324

Commissioners to the Gen. Assy.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Revd Messrs Wm. C. Sheetz, and R. A. Hoke, Principals; Revd Messrs G. D. Parks, and S. C. Alexander, Alternates. — Ruling Elders — Messrs R. L. McDowell, and Thomas H. McRorie, Principals; Messrs. Alexander Long, M.D. and J. C. Hart, Alternates.

Revd R. Burwell received from Orange Pres.

Revd Robert Burwell presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange to the Presbytery of Concord. He was examined in the usual way, and this examination being satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Place and time of next meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved — That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Franklin, Macon county, N.C. on Wednesday before the 5th Sabbath in Augt. at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning April 3d 1858

Presbytery met according to adjournment at 8 o'clock, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

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Collection for Mrs. McLutchen taken up.

Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises. The collection for the benefit of Mrs. McLutcheon was then taken up, which amounted to $53.25 cts.

Pray for our institutions of learning.

It was Resolved. That the Institutions of learning within our bounds be specially remembered in our morning prayer meetings.

Corresponding member.

The Rev. Mr. Horton of the Methodist Episcopal church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Order of the day taken up.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz; the case of C. B. Dungan against Caleb Phifer.

Moderator's charge to Pres.

The Moderator stated that Presbytery was about to proceed to judicial business, and gave a solemn charge to the members reminding them of their character as a court of Jesus Christ.

The case was taken up in the order prescribed by the judicial committee. The charges were read.—

Requ. W. C. & R. Berringer requested to read testimony.

It was Resolved. That Mr. W. C. Berringer be requested to read that part of the testimony which he had taken, and that Mr. Rufus Berringer be also requested to read that part of the testimony which he had taken.

Testimony may be taken by mail of mail.

Permission was given to the parties in this case to take new testimony "ore tenus".

Testimony read and brought to a close.

All the testimony in the case was read, and brought to a close.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock. P. M.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Leave of absence after the sessions of to night was granted to Rev. Messrs. S. C. Alexander, S. B. O. Wilson, and J. E. McPherson: also to Ruling Elders. Messrs. J. W. Osborne, R. L. McDowell, J. A. Burke, Wm McGinnis, and John R. Patterson.

Rev. B. L. Rhodes obtained leave of absence until Monday morning.

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Leave of absence granted.

S. Winecoff, Ruling Elder, obtained leave of absence from this evening and night's sessions.

Unfinished business taken up.

Presbytery proceeded with the unfinished business; viz; the case of C. B. Dungan against Caleb Phifer.

Parties fully heard.

The parties were fully heard: Mr. Dungan in supporting his charges, and Messrs. R. L. McDowell, and D. Coleman, in behalf of Mr. Phifer.

Presbytery took a recess until 8 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The unfinished business was taken up.

Members called on for an expression of their opinion.

It was Resolved. That the call upon the members of Presbytery for an expression of opinion in the case before us commence at the last of the roll.

Final vote taken.

The whole case having been fully heard, and all the members having had the opportunity of expressing their opinions and views in the case, the final vote was then taken to sustain, or not sustain the charges tabled, which resulted in the unanimous decision Not sustain.

Reports of committees on Sessional Records.

The order of the day was taken up; viz; Reports of the several committees on sessional records. Reports on the following sessional records were presented, and adopted, viz; Topsail, Dent, Asheville, Bethany, (with one exception), Third creek, Lincolnton, Long creek, Franklin, Concord, Fifth Creek, Providence, Macon, Sugar creek, Pleasant Hill, Steele creek, Marion, Prospect, Bethel, Bethlehem, Rocky River, Rutherfordton, Goshen, (with exception recorded in book.) Fair Creek, (with exceptions), Thyatira, Hopewell, (with exceptions), Fourth creek, Ebenezer, Centre, and Taylorsville. ✓

Report of com. to nominate persons for com. of Dom. Missions

The committee appointed to make nominations to fill vacancies in the committee of Domestic Missions presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee recommend that

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Revs D. A. Penick, to be appointed in the place of Revs R. H. Morrison, D.D. resigned, and that Dr E. Nye Hutchison, Messrs. W. C. Berringer, and Wm Murdock, supply the remaining vacancies.

Leave of absence granted. Messrs. John Steele, and Rufus Gibson, obtained leave of absence.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Monday morning:
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8 o'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres. Mr Cyrus Morrison, Ruling Elder from the Church of Philadelphia, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Presbytery spent an hour in devotional exercises.

Corresponding member. Rev. Mr Brand of the Lutheran Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee to prepare a Narrative on the State of religion for the General Assembly, presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows viz:

Narrative on the state of religion. The Presbytery of Concord presents to the General Assembly, the following narrative of the state of religion within its bounds. Your committee regret to say, that owing to delinquency on the part of pastors, Stated Supplies, and church sessions, we have received reports from only 21 out of the 43 churches under our care and consequently we have been unable to give as full and correct and exhibition of the state of religion in all our churches as we feel could be desirable. The reports, however, which have been received, all speak of the attendance upon the ordinances of the sanctuary as being good, and the attention

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Narrative. as highly commendable; and with one solitary exception they represent the different churches as growing, both in numbers and piety. And it is fondly hoped, that even this feeble vine, blessed as it is, with the labors of our devoted, self-denying missionaries, may soon receive such influences from on high, as will cause it to strike its roots deep and spread its branches wide, bearing much fruit to the glory of God.

In the good Providence of God, the lives of our ministers have been preserved during the year, and they have generally been favored with health and strength sufficient to enable them to discharge with a good degree of fidelity and punctuality the arduous and responsible duties of their office. While at the same time we have the pleasure of stating that our churches have made some advance in the amount contributed for the support of those who minister to them in spiritual things, and also in the promptness and punctuality with which they meet these engagements, but in both these respects there is yet much room for improvement.

The colored population in those portions of our territory where they chiefly abound, have received more or less attention, both in the way of Sabbath schools and of services addressed more especially to them, in addition to the privilege of attending upon the services common to both classes. We are encouraged to persevere in these labors of love, by the fact, that from this portion of our population numbers have been, as we trust, savingly converted.

Bible classes and Sabbath schools have been sustained in most of our churches, at least, during the summer; and from the ranks of the precious youth thus instructed and trained in the nurture and

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edmonition of the Lord, much of the increase of our churches has been derived. Our churches have generally contributed to some of all the Boards of our church, and in most cases more liberally than formerly; though it is painfully evident that multitudes of professing christians, and those too, whom God has blessed with an abundance of this worlds goods, are yet far from feeling the full force of the truth, that it is more blessed to give than to receive; and that he that waters others shall himself be watered; and therefore, they do not exhibit that amount of zeal, self-denial, and liberality on this subject, which the present aspect of the world, the loud calls of providence, and the authoritative injunctions of the Great Head of the church, so manifestly demand.

Some five or six of the churches from which reports have been received mention the cheering fact, that they have been favored with special seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; so that christians have had their drooping graces revived, and sinners have been converted unto God. Of these, the church in Charlotte, and that at Davidson College have been, and still continue to be, especially blessed. The friends and patrons of our beloved College, who have long labored, and given, and prayed for its establishment and prosperity, have now much reason to rejoice in the assurance that God in his rich mercy is thus crowning their efforts with success, and showing that He is about to make this institution a pure and copious fountain from which shall issue many streams to make glad the city of our God.

We are thus permitted to hear the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, indicating that God is going forth in his might, and calling upon all the leaders and private soldiers in the host

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of the Redeemed to gird on the whole armor of the Gospel, and march forth to conflict and to victory.

While therefore, from the facts presented, in thus taking a survey of our whole field, we find that there is much that calls for mourning and humiliation in view of the comparatively low state of piety, the spirit of covetousness and worldly conformity exhibited by professing christians. Yet we find that there is also much that is well adapted to cheer the hearts of Gods people, and induce them to take courage and go forward - trusting, that if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, if we come with united hearts in earnest, persevering prayer to the Father, in the name of his Beloved Son, our Mediator, he will open to us the windows of heaven, and pour us out a blessing until there shall not be room to receive it. And that the set time to favor Zion being come, he will cause that mighty & saving spiritual influence which is so widely felt throughout our country to sweep over the length and breadth of our land, and then roll on in its career of mercy until it shall have traversed the circumference of our globe, and swept away in its resistless course the fortresses of Satan, and the habitations of superstition and Idolatry; and introduced the peaceful and blissful days of the Millennial era, - when Holiness to the Lord shall be inscribed upon every work, and purpose of man, and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters do the channel of the deep.

(Signed) A. B. Cunningham, Chairm of Com.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. Wm Rogs, and Mr. D. A. Caldwell obtained leave of absence.

Revd. Messrs. A. Sinclair, G. D. Parks, and J. M. Walker, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

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Report of com. on D. Missions.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of the committee of Domestic Missions, and of the Evangelist, respectfully presented their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom were referred the reports of the Executive committee of Domestic Missions, and of the Evangelist, respectfully report that they have given such attention to the papers and subject referred to them as their limited time has permitted, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions; viz;

1. Resolved - That whilst the Presbytery are gratified with the evidences of zeal and success in their important work both on the part of the committee, and of the agent; nevertheless Presbytery are of the opinion that the desolations and extent of our missionary field, and the abundant resources and spirit of liberality on this subject on the part of our Presbyterian population demand a decided enlargement in our Missionary operations.

Therefore Resolved 2d That all the Missionary committee are already authorized to fix the salaries of their Missionaries, it be recommended to them, in the exercise of a wise discretion, to raise the salaries of their Missionaries according to the exigencies of each case, with a view to such enlargement of our operations.

Resolved 3 - That Presbytery will expect hereafter each of their Licentiates to spend at least one year in Missionary labor within the bounds of this Presbytery, under the direction of the committee of Missions.

Resolved 4th That it be recommended to all the members of this body, as far as may be practicable, to spend, at least two weeks in Missionary labor, about the time of the next meeting of Presbytery, under the advisement of our Missionary Evangelist.

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Resolved 5th - That in order to meet the enlargement now contemplated, the Evangelist be directed to address a circular to all our churches, urging them to more liberal contributions in behalf of this important cause, and publish this circular in the "North Carolina Presbyterian", and that it be read by all our Pastors and stated supplies from their pulpits.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Jr. Chairman of Com.

The committee on Supplies presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Supplies.

The committee appointed to make out a list of supplies for the vacant churches and destitute settlements, beg leave to submit the following report; viz;

Rev. J. D. Hall spend one week in Caney and one week at Bethesda.
J. L. Wilson, & W. J. Hall, each one week at Lenoir and vicinity.
P. J. Penick 3 weeks at Silver Creek, Brusilla, and Duncans creek.
R. H. Chapman, D.D. and R. H. Lafferty, each one week at Ruthersfordton, and Little Britain.
A. Sinclair, and J. M. McPhee, each 2 weeks at Hendersonville and vicinity.
S. B. C. Wilson 2 weeks at Taylorsville Wilkesboro, and Lebanon.
J. Rumple 2 weeks at Monroe and vicinity.
D. A. Penick, D.D. 2 weeks at Albemarle and vicinity.
D. A. Penick, Jr. and S. C. Alexander, each one week at Newton.
Wm. W. Hurd one week in Polk county.
H. B. Cunningham, D.D. one week in Buncombe and Yancey county.
E. D. Junkin 2 weeks in Jefferson and Ashe county.
R. H. Morrison, D.D. 2 weeks in Haywood and Jackson county.
To supply Rev. Wm. C. Shuttz's pulpit in Morganton during his absence

to the General Assembly - S. C. Rankin, D. D., R. N. Davis, and J. K. Ryburn, each one Sabbath.

To supply Rev. B. S. Rhodes pulpit in Unity, Franklinton, and his churches during his absence to the General Assembly - A. Baker, Wm. G. Campbell, and S. B. C. Wilson. ✓

L. L. Stewart 4 and 2 weeks in Haywood and Jackson.

Walter W. Hard 2 weeks in Bethany and Tabor churches.

All other brethren not specified in these appointments one week at discretion.

In all instances in which we indicate the time in this report by the week or weeks the committee mean each week to include a Sabbath. (Signed) Jesse Rankin, B. S. Rhodes, D. D. Caldwell.

Rev. J. M. Walked dismissed to Bethel Pres.

The Rev. James M. Walked was dismissed, at his own request to connect himself with the Presbytery of Bethel, S. C.

Rev. J. M. Walked is appointed an appointment within the bounds of this Presbytery.

It was then Resolved - That this Presbytery appoint Rev. J. M. Walked a situation in our missionary field at Hendersonville and vicinity, and will fix his salary at $1000.00 -

Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D. received from Knoxville Pres.

Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D. presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Knoxville, Tenn. - He was examined, and this examination being satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Wm. W. Hard accepts the calls from Centre and Bethpage churches, and arrangements are made for his ordination

Mr. Wm. W. Hard signified his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Centre and Bethpage, whereupon it was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at the church of Bethpage on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in May next at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of attending to the ordination and installation of Mr. Hard provided the way be clear; and that in that

service Rev. Walter W. Hard preach the sermon, Rev. D. A. Penick, D. D. deliver the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. Stephen Frontis preside, propose the constitutional questions, offer the ordaining prayer, and deliver the charge to the people; and that Joshua X. 24 be assigned Mr. Hard as a text for his trial sermon.

Letter assigning reasons of absence.

A letter was received and read from Rev. J. E. Morrison, assigning reasons of absence from the present session of Presbytery.

Call from Hopewell church for Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D.

A call from the Church of Hopewell for the pastoral services of Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D. was presented and read, and not being in due form, it was ordered to be sent back for correction, with the understanding that it be laid before Presbytery at its adjourned meeting at Bethpage.

Arrangements for the installation of Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D. over Hopewell church.

It was Resolved - That the following persons be appointed a committee to install the Rev. S. C. Rankin, D. D. as Pastor over the church of Hopewell, provided the way be duly opened for the same, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock A. M. viz; Rev. Walter W. Hard to preside, ask the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the Pastor; Rev. A. Sinclair to preach the sermon, and Rev. J. A. Parks to deliver the charge to the people.

Resolution recommending the North Carolina Presbyterian.

The following Resolution was presented, and adopted: Resolved by the Presbytery of Concord in session April 5th 1858, that we hereby express our entire satisfaction with the appearance and spirit of our new paper, the "North Carolina Presbyterian," and cheerfully commend it to the confidence and patronage of the people of our respective charges as a religious periodical eminently calculated to promote the interests of our Zion within the bounds of our Synod. - Mr. Daniel Coleman, and Rev. W. L. Cunningham, D. D. were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Com. to nominate Trustees for D. College.

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Com. to nominate Trustees for the Female College.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, and Mr. R. L. H. Brazle, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for ~~Davidson~~ the Female College at Statesville.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for F. College.

The committee on Church Extension presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz; April 5th 1858.

Report of Church Extension com.

The committee of Church Extension would respectfully report, that since our last report the following churches and individuals have contributed to this cause, viz;

Steele creek,	$33.70	Third creek,	$11.00	J. Rankin,	$3.00
Rocky River,	31.41	Unity & Macpelah,	55.51	Geo Sellers,	5.00
Providence,	22.00	Poplar Tent,	15.45	Ebenezer,	5.00
Bethpage,	3.75	Salisbury,	10.75	Concord Town,	25.51
Centre,	6.00	E. F. Rockwell,	5.00	Total	$231.05 cts

The remaining 52 churches under our care have contributed nothing to this cause. The sum of $402.50 has been given to complete the church building at Murphy, and leave the property free of debt. The property has been fully secured to the old School Presbyterian church. There is now in the hands of the Treasurer $162.61 cts. The committee have now under consideration an application from Rev J. C. McPherson to assist in building a church in Shooting creek neighborhood, in Cherokee Co. If Missionaries can be obtained to occupy the important fields of Henderson and Buncombe counties, at least three churches will have to be built in a short time. These churches will need aid from the church Extension committee. The committee earnestly request the Pastors and Stated Supplies to attend to the injunction of Presbytery, to take up an annual collection in their churches in behalf of church Extension.

(Signed) P. J. Pfeneck,
A. Baker. }

Pastoral relation dissolved between Rev. L. L. Stewart and Philadelphia and Bethlehem churches.

The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, presented their report which was adopted and is as follows, viz:— The committee recommend the election of the following persons as Trustees in Davidson College to serve for the term of four years, viz: Rev. Messrs. Drury Lacy, D.D., H. B. Cunningham, D.D., P. J. Pfeneck; Messrs. Rufus Bevington, D. F. Caldwell, M.D., Wm. R. McLean, M.D., C. H. Caldwell, and E. R. Harris.

Rev. Leander L. Stewart asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem; and these churches uniting with him in this petition, the request was granted, and said churches were declared vacant.

Stated Supplies and churches having stated supplies were called, according to a standing rule, to assign why steps have not been taken to constitute the pastoral relation.

Churches which failed to be represented by a Ruling Elder in this meeting.

The Stated Clerk reported that the following churches have failed to be represented by a delegate in the present session of Presbytery, viz: Macpelah, Olney, Dallas, Wadesboro, Lenoir, New Hope, Fifth creek, Rheims creek, Swannanoa, Pine creek, Hickory, Siloam, Prusilla, Lebanon, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Duncans creek, Monroe, Hendersonville, Morganton, Ebenezer, Concord and Shiloh, Thyatira and Back creek, Tabor, Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, Whitsboro, Joppa, and Salem.

Resolutions in relation to the case of C. B. Dungan against C. Phifer.

The following paper was presented and adopted, and is as follows, viz:
Resolved — That in the case of Charles B. Dungan against Caleb Phifer, the following minute be recorded as expressive of the views and feelings of the Presbytery, viz: That after a patient and we trust candid hearing of all the testimony in the case, and of all the arguments of the parties, and after hearing a full expression of their views from such members of the body as chose to participate in the discussion, the Presbytery do unanimously acquit Mr. Phifer of the charges, and do rejoice in being able to come to a conclusion so honorable to the accused, and so grateful to his feelings, and to those of his numerous friends and acquaintances.

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It is with no less gratification the Presbytery records the opinion entirely exonerating Mr. Dunzan from the odium which usually attaches to the prosecutor in relation to charges which in the trial are not sustained. We believe that this whole difficulty originated in mutual misconception, and that this misconception is not to be regarded as a matter of surprise, considering the number of persons interested and participating in the transactions out of which it grew, and the numerous and promiscuous conversations had among themselves. If there existed any prejudice against Mr. Dunzan in the commencement of the trial, as the prosecutor of a man long known to most of the members of Presbytery and appreciated for his integrity and general christian bearing, those prejudices evidently yielded as his christian temper and deportment exhibited themselves in the progress of the trial. — And while we express our entire confidence in the rectitude of Mr. Pifer, we say to the friends of Mr. Dunzan in Philadelphia, that we regard him as worthy of the honorable testimonials which he brought from them to us.

Members excused from voting.

Revs. J. A. Pencil, Dr. R. H. Young, and J. A. Rainsford, were excused from voting on the above paper.

Rev. A. B. Cunningham, D. D. made some statements in relation to the church of Rocky creek, and the fact that that church was still without a supply. Whereupon it was

Resolution ordering Rocky creek church to select a board of Elders.

Resolved. That at the earliest day possible the congregation of Rocky creek hold an election for eight Elders for said church. And that in said election, all persons be allowed to vote who were members or subscribers before the present difficulties began, as well as all who are members or subscribers now. And that those who cannot attend in person be allowed to vote by proxy. And also that in this election all or any of the former Elders may be elected if the congregation choose to vote for them.

Leave of absence granted.

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. J. W. Ewing, and Mr. R. D. Alexander.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College would report. That they recommend the appointment of Rev. Jesse Rankin, Joseph W. Lockhart, and A. H. Simonton. — (Signed) W. W. Hoard, Jr. R. H. Vaughn, Com.

Trustees in Female college.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

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After recess.

Report of com. to install Rev. R. S. Rhodes over the churches of Unity and Franklin (Rowan co.) reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 2d day of Oct 1857, they installed him over the church of Franklin, and that on the 18th day of Oct 1857, they installed him over the church of Unity.

Report of com. to install Rev. J. W. Ewing over the churches of Shiloh and Concord.

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. W. Ewing over the churches of Concord and Shiloh reported that they had attended to this duty; and that on the 31st day of Oct 1857, they installed him over the church of Shiloh, and that on the 1st day of Nov 1857, they installed him over the church of Concord.

The Stated Clerk's account was presented and ordered to be paid.

Report of com. to install Rev. R. H. Chapman over the church of Asheville.

The committee appointed to install Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. over the church of Asheville reported that they had attended to this, and that on the 6th day of Sept. 1857, they installed him over the church of Asheville.

Report of com. to install Rev. A. Pinckney over the church of Charlotte.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. A. Pinckney over the church of Charlotte, reported that they had attended to this duty, and that on the 25th day of Oct 1857, they installed him over the church of Charlotte.

The Licentiates under the care of Presbytery were called on to report how they have been occupied since the last meeting of Presbytery.

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows; viz;

The Presbytery of Concord would respectfully report to the General Assembly, That it has taken action on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, and that this cause is placed upon the docket, as an item of regular business; requiring each church session under its care to make a report annually as to its progress and plans, on this great enterprise. So far, very little has been accomplished. Yet there is reason to hope from the attention given to this subject in several of the churches, that the interest is growing. The seven churches which reported this year show that they have given the subject much consideration, each one adopting a plan different from the rest, but all tending to the result. Some have certain day appointed for the purpose of taking up a collection for the several Boards. Others have procured a blank book, in which are written all the names of the members; opposite to these names, on the other page are columns

with headings corresponding to the different objects of benevolence. This book is committed to some individual whose duty it is to apply to each member of the church, and get if possible all the blanks filled with an amount great or small as the case may be. In this way every member is called upon annually, after the Pastors have explained and enforced the duty of cultivating the grace of giving, and of laying aside in store, as the Lord has prospered them. Those who have adopted this plan have been so far encouraged. As far as this Presbytery can judge from the reports already made, it will not be long before the churches will settle down upon some fixed plan, each one doing the work in its own way. It must be remembered however that it will take time to mature a system, which from its very nature, involves so many difficulties, and such a variety of opinions, being comparatively new with many of the sessions, which have heretofore made contributions to but few if any of the great causes now in operation. These sessions may fall in slowly, but it is confidently believed that when the subjects are faithfully presented by the pastors and Elders, and when light is shed on this christian duty, that few will be found delinquent.

The Presbytery is also glad to report to the General Assembly, that in these reports it appears, that in some of the large Sabbath Schools, collections are taken up among the children on every Sabbath, which gives further evidence of a growing interest in this enterprise, and promises a great blessing to the church, leading this Presbytery at the same time to hope that the time is not far distant when God's people will make giving, a matter of conscience, and will "Honor the Lord with their substance, and with the first fruits of their increase".

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) A. Baker, } Com.
John L. Edwin }

The following Resolution was presented and unanimously adopted, viz:

Vote of thanks.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be cordially tendered to the good people of this place for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Presbytery during its present sessions; also to the officers of the Methodist Episcopal, and Lutheran churches for the use of their houses of worship; and that this Resolution be read by the pastor of this church on next Sabbath from the pulpit.

Minutes to be published in N. C. Presbyterian.

The Stated clerk was instructed to have the minutes of this meeting published in the "North Carolina Presbyterian".

Appointments to supply vacant churches.

Revs. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, and D. A. Penick, be were appointed to administer the Lords Supper in the church of Philadelphia; and Rev. D. A. Penick, be was appointed to administer the Lords supper in the church of Bethlehem.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethpage church on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in May next at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

E. J. Junkin, Modr.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding reasons for their absence, viz: Revs. Messrs. Walter L. Hard, Drury Lacy, D. D. Daniel Lindley, Wm. N. Morrison, and Wm. G. Campbell.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of Thirty

for the year closing April 5th 1858.

six Ministers; and have under their care 63 Churches: 6 Licentiates, and 5 Candidates: viz:

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.	Communicants:				Baptisms.		No. of Children in Sab. Sch.	Funds Collected.							
			Added on ep.	Added on Cert.	Colored Communicants	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.	Sabbath schools and Bible classes.	Dom. Missions.	For. Missions.	Education.	Pub.	Church Ep.	Fees	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Ramah, P. & Mallard creek, R. S.	Parks's store, Cabarrus Co. N.C.	30	9	69	325	6	37		49	47	15	3		13	297	
R. H. Morrison, P. & S. S.	Unity (Lincoln Co.) & Macpelah, S. S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	7		5	76	1	6		46	40	37	16	31	15		
Stephen Frontis, W.C.	Taylorsville, V.	Spring Grove, N.C.	6	4	1	58		3	61	7	5	6			3	265	
D. A. Penick, Sup. P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	14	4	150	568	5	32	251	64	90	52	90		20	890	
Drury Lacy, P. Pres.	College Church, S. S.	Davidson College, N.C.	1	2		23		2	115	75	142				7		
Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Monroe, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa.				10											
Wm. L. Johnston, Sup. S.S.	Olney, V. & Dallas, V.	New Castle, Tenn.				40											
J. C. Morrison, P.M.	Wadesboro, S.S. & Lebanon, S. S.	Wadesboro, N.C.	4			63											
Jesse Rankin, Evangelist	Lenoir, V.	Lenoir, N.C.	1	3		17				160	8	10	1		3		
J. B. Hall, P.	Goshen, P. and New Hope, S. S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.				286											
S. B. O. Wilson, P.	Third Creek, P.	Rowan Mills, N.C.	33	2	69	276	16	11	40	29	16	20	14	5	19	506	18
Wm. N. Morrison, W.C.	Rheims' Creek, V. & Swannanoa V.	Asheville, N.C.				110											
J. H. Cunningham, Sup. P.	Pee Creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	14	2	24	210		20	71	10	20	2	3	2	6	200	8
R. H. Chapman, Sup. P.	Asheville, P.	Asheville, N.C.	9	2		44		6	85	64	40				6	600	55
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	13	8	8	85	1	10	116	57	65	42	16	20	20	955	100
E. F. Rockwell, Prof.	Wilkesboro V.	Davidson College, N.C.				10											
John E. H. Pierson, P.M.	Hiccsee, S. S.	Fort Hembree, N.C.	2	2		26	1	5	40	10	8			220		61	5
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Fourth creek, P.	Statesville, N.C.	1	14	15	135		5	60	36	46	14			40	1000	30
J. N. Peyton, P. M.	Marion, S. S. Siloam, S. S. & Bruceville, S. S.	Marion, N.C.	1	1	2	68		1		20	27	13	5	9	10	288	80
Wm. S. Campbell, W.C.	Rutherfordton, Walkertown, & Duncan's creek, V.	Salisbury, N.C.				154											
Robert Burwell, W.C.	Hendersonville, S.S. & V.	Charlotte, N.C.				15											
R. N. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, S.S. & Long Creek, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.	8		6	125	1	6	95	14	11				11	417	
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	9	5	74	282	1	12	60	76	70	10	8		14	500	
J. C. Pharr, Sup. P.	Hopewell, P. C.	Hopewell, N.C.	5	1	68	183		7		47	44	16			14	800	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.	Communicants. Added on examn.	Added on certif.	Colored communicants	Total of communicants.	Baptized. Adults	Infants	No. Children in Sabbath schools and Bible classes.	Funds Collected. Domestic Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Education.	Publication.	Church Extension.	Sustentation.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
J. J. Pinick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N. C.	4	8	16	151		13	51	64	45	25	12	25	14	892	93
Wm. C. Sheetz, P.	Morgenton, P.	Morgenton, N. C.	2		2	76		6	95	16	51	27	12		9	610	
Wm. L. Moore, S. M.	Franklin (Macon co.) & Ebenezer, C. S.	Franklin, N. C.	16	1	5	71	5	9	28	15	11	8	4	5	2	165	
J. W. Erwin, P.	Concord, P. and Shiloh, P.	Piney Hill, N. C.	22	8	26	257	6	30	50	10	27	7			15	457	35
J. C. Alexander, P.	Thyatira, P. & Beck creek, P.	Miranda, N. C.	20	8	89	288	5	16	55	31	32	13	7		11	457	37
E. D. Junkin, P.	Prospect, P. and Bethel, P.	Davidson College, N. C.	10	9	58	341	1	15	120	85	51	7	16		16	396	6
D. I. Reid, P.	Unity (Iredell co.), Franklin, P. and Joppa, C. S.	Rowan Mills, N. C.	20	1	36	149	7	25	40	27		5					
G. D. Parks, P.	Steele creek, P. and Pleasant Hill, P.	White Hall, N. C.	28	24	120	485	18	25	186	50	69	8			30	533	123
Alexander Sinclair, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N. C.	33	10	9	182	4	11	100	225	212		130	15	20	10843	100
Jethro Rumple, P.	Providence, P. & Macon, P.	Sharon, N. C.	10	8	54	305	1	9	135	44	83	16	6	5	16	2578	
Leander L. Stewart, N. C.	Bethany, P.	Piney Hill, N. C.	2	4	20	103		2									
Daniel A. Penick, Jr. L. 86	Poplar Tent, P.	Oak Dale, N. C.	5	5	103	212	2	3		44	36	5	7	4	14	611	
Licentiates 6.																	
Jas. C. Kennedy,	Salem, P.	Statesville, N. C.				80											
Wm. W. Thom, Probat.	Bethlehem and	Coddle creek, N. C.				120											
	Centre, Pastor elect.		3		20	105		9		15	16	9	4	5	10	75	
Wm. A. Wood,	Philadelphia, P.		6	5	79	280	2	18	75						9	310	25
J. A. Bard,	Tabor, P.					55											
J. L. Wilson, S. S.	Bethesda, C. S.	Rowan Mills, N. C.	8		29	86	2	1		3	3				5	81	
Wm. Thomas Hall,	Bethlehem, P.					127											
Candidates 5.	Fifth creek, C. S. — 63.		12	5	4	51	4	1	45						4	158	
			158	155	1151	6711	89	356	1990	1399	1329	367	354	359	371	24495	655

4 Licensures, 2 Ordinations, 6 Installations, 3 Pastoral Relations Dissolved, and 1 Minister received from the Associate Reformed Church since the last report.

Charlotte, N. C. April 5th 1858.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Bethpage Church, Cabarrus Co. N. C.
Thursday, May 13th 1858.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. E. D. Junkins. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. F. Frontis,	Messrs. R. D. Alexander, Hopewell ch.
D. A. Penick, Jr.,	John L. McLeod, Rocky River ch.
E. D. Junkins,	Simeon Winecoff, Bethpage ch.
S. C. Pharr, D. D.,	Wm. C. Moore, Centre ch.
D. A. Penick, Sr.,	Daniel Coleman, Centre ch.

Revs. S. C. Pharr, D. D. and Daniel Coleman, were appointed Temporary clerks.

Trial sermon of Mr. W. Pharr for ordination.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will now proceed to hear the trial sermon of Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, with a view to his ordination. After the preaching of this sermon, Mr. William Macon Coleman, a member of the church at Chapel Hill, was introduced to the notice of Presbytery with a view of placing himself under its care as a candidate for the gospel Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

Mr. Coleman taken under the care of Pres.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Mr. W. W. Pharr examined.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the examination of the candidate, Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, for ordination.

Mr. Johnston offers before Pres.

Mr. Frontis Hoke Johnston, one of our candidates from Union Theological Seminary, appeared before Presbytery with a view of being examined for license.

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Mr. Pharr and Mr. Johnston examined.

Mr. Wm. W. Pharr was examined on Moral Philosophy; and he and Mr. Johnston were together examined on Theology, the Sacraments, Ecclesiastical History, and Hebrew.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr. obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Presbytery adjourned to meet this evening at the call of the Moderator at the house of Mr. Jacob Stirewalts. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr. Stirewalts.
5 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the Critical Exercise of Mr. F. H. Johnston, and also his Lecture.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon to hear Mr. Johnston's Popular Sermon.

Member offers in Pres.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Examination of Mr. Pharr and Mr. Johnston.

The examination of Mr. Wm. W. Pharr, and Mr. F. H. Johnston, was continued in Church Government. Mr. Pharr was examined on Greek.

Examination of Coleman.

Mr. W. M. Coleman was examined on Latin and Greek.

Call from Hopewell church for Mr. Pharr.

A call from the church of Hopewell, promising a salary of $800.00, for the pastoral services of Rev. S. C. Pharr, D. D. was laid before Presbytery, and being in order it was placed in his hands for consideration, whereupon he signified his acceptance of it. He is accordingly to be installed at the time, and by the committee designated for this purpose at the last meeting of Presbytery.

The examination of Mr. Pharr having been brought to a close, it was Resolved. That the examination of Wm. W. Pharr

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Examination of Mr. Hard sustained in all its parts.

be and it hereby is sustained in all its parts, and that Presbytery will proceed with the ordination services in Bethpage chapel to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the house of Mr. Stiznewalts to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr. J. Stiznewalts.
Friday, May 14th 1858.
8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. Wm. M. Coleman was examined on the Arts and Sciences.

W. M. Coleman's examination on his literary course sustained.

The examination of Mr. Wm. M. Coleman on Latin, Greek, Arts and Sciences, was unanimously sustained, and he was recommended to pursue his theological Studies at Union Theological Seminary.

Parts of trial assigned to Mr. Coleman.

The following parts of trial were assigned to Mr. Coleman, viz: Latin Exegesis- "Cur Christum verum hominem esse oportuit." Critical Exercise- II. Cor. V. 14, 15:- Lecture, John XV. 1-8. Popular Sermon- Is. LV. 1.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the church at 11 o'clock.

After recess.

W. W. Hard ordained and installed pastor over the church of Bethpage.

Presbytery met at Bethpage church, and proceeded with the order of the day, viz: the ordination services of Mr. Wm. W. Hard. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Walter W. Hard, after which the constitutional questions were propose by Rev. S. Frontis to the candidate and also to the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, William W. Hard was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry and installed over the church of Bethpage. Rev. L. A. Reich, D. D. then delivered the charge to

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the newly ordained pastor, and Rev. S. Frontis delivered the charge to the congregation.

com. to install Mr. Hard over Centre church.

The following persons were appointed a committee to install Rev. W. W. Hard over the church of Centre on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in May, last viz; Rev. W. W. Hard, with Rev. L. C. Hard, D. D. his alternate, to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and the Rev. D. Lacy, D. D. with the Rev. E. F. Rockwell his alternate, to deliver the charge to the people.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Frontis. Howe Johnston preached his Popular sermon.

License of Mr. J. H. Johnston.

It was resolved- That the examination and parts of trial of Mr. J. H. Johnston, be and they are hereby sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will now proceed to his Licensure; Whereupon Frontis Howe Johnston was licensed, according to the prescribed form, to preach the Gospel as a candidate for the Holy ministry.

Mr. Johnston was instructed to preach a few Sabbaths at Philadelphia and Bethlehem churches, as may be agreeable to the pastors.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Franklin, Macon co. N. C. Wednesday, Aug. 25th 1858, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Closed with prayer.

E. D. Junkin, Mod.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

L. C. Hard
Daniel Coleman } Temporary clerks.

Franklin, Macon county, N.C.
Wednesday, Aug. 25th 1858.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in the Presbyterian church, and a quorum being present, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. E.D. Junkin. The congregation having assembled, under mistake, at the Camp Ground near this place, it was resolved - That Presbytery take a recess to meet immediately at the said Camp Ground to enter upon Divine service under the direction of the Moderator.

After recess.

Presbytery met at the Camp Ground. The sermon was preached by the Moderator, Rev. E.D. Junkin from I. Peter II. 5: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, Sd	Messrs. E. Nye Hutchison, M.D.,
D. Lacy, D.D.	James W. Reid,
Thos. P. Johnston,	Moses White,
J.B. Hall,	A.J. Summey,
S.B.O. Wilson,	John T. Cherry,
Wm. N. Morrison,	Curtis Saunders,
E.F. Rockwell,	S.D. Rankin, M.D.,
R.H. Chapman, D.D.,	G.W. Campbell, M.D.,
J.E. McPherson,	R.L. White,
Walter W. Pharr,	D.M. Russell.
Thos. N. Paxton,	
R.N. Davis,	

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R.H. Lafferty,	
Jesse Rankin,	
Peter T. Penick,	
Wm. L. Moore,	
J.W. Erwin,	
E.D. Junkin,	
G.D. Parks,	
Jethro Rumple,	
L.L. Stewart,	
D.A. Penick, Jr.,	
Robert Burwell,	
Wm. Walter Pharr.	

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. for Moderator, and Rev. R.N. Davis, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, for temporary clerks.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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Thursday, Aug. 26th 1858.
8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of last evening were read and corrected.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison was excused, at his request, from serving as temporary clerk, and Mr. A.J. Summey was elected in his place.

Minutes of last meeting read.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and the adjourned meeting were read and corrected.

The Report of the committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary

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committee, not being placed in the hands of the Stated clerk, and consequently being omitted in the minutes, it was ordered that that report be furnished, and that it be entered in the minutes as a note marked with an asterisk. It is as follows, viz:

Report which should have been inserted in the minutes on page 293 which see.

(* Concord, 2d April 1858.—The undersigned appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of the Board of Domestic Missions have examined the same including the various contributions to Hopewell congregation, (which is embraced) and the vouchers up to the draft paid Rev. J. C. McPherson 22d Feb. 1858 (which is included) and find Balance now in his hands Eight Hundred and Twenty 20/100 Dollars — $820.20 cts *(See page 293)

(Signed) E. Nye Hutchison, } Com.
A. B. Cunningham, }

Report of those appointed to supply vacant churches.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches and perform Missionary work were called upon to answer whether they had attended to the duties assigned them; when it appeared that these appointments had been but partially fulfilled.

Churches failing to be represented in Presbytery called on.

Churches that failed to be represented at the last meeting of Presbytery were called on to assign their reasons for not being represented, when the following churches reported their reasons, viz: Kleims' Creek, Hiwassee, Ebenezer, Franklin, Shyatira and Back creek.

Ruling Elder appears.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, Ruling Elder from the church of Ebenezer appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Members assign reasons for absence from last meeting.

Rev. R. Lacy, D.D. and Rev. W. K. Morrison, assigned reasons for absence from the last meeting of Presbytery. These reasons were sustained as satisfactory.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Mr. Carson of the Union Presbytery, N.C. and Rev. J. B. Watt of the 1st Associate Reformed Presbytery of the Synod of the South, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

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The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Rev. J. B. Watt received.

Rev. J. B. Watt presented a Letter of dismission from the First Associate Reformed Presbytery of the Synod of the South with a view of connecting himself with this Presbytery; whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and this examination being entirely satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name was enrolled.

Letters of excuse for absence.

Letters were received and read from Rev. Messrs. S. C. Alexander, Stephen Frontis, and S. C. Pharr, D.D. assigning reasons for their absence from the present meeting of Presbytery.

Letter of excuse not sustained.

A letter was received and read from Rev. A. Sinclair assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery. These reasons were not sustained as satisfactory.

Letter from Licentiate.

A letter was received from Mr. W. J. Hall, one of our Licentiates, giving an account of the manner in which he has been employed since the last meeting of Presbytery.

Petition from new church.

A Petition signed by a portion of the members of Red creek church praying to be organized into a new church was laid before Presbytery and read, and referred to a committee consisting of the following persons, viz: Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., Rev. A. A. Anick, D.D., Rev. G. A. Parks, Rev. W. K. Morrison, Rev. J. B. Watt, Mr. R. S. White, and Mr. W. M. Penland.

Order of the day passed and dissolution of Pastoral relation.

The order of the day was passed over for the present.

Rev. G. A. Parks asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the congregations of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, and these congregations uniting with him in this request, the request was granted, and said churches were declared vacant.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following

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Appointment of committees.

committees, viz,

1. On Devotional Exercises - Revs Messrs W.L. Moore, J.S. Peyton, and M.L. Saunders.
2. On Supplies - Revs Messrs Jesse Rankin, T.A. Penick, & W.W. Hay, & J.L. Stewart, Messrs Moses White, and Dr. L.L. Rankin.
3. On the Minutes of the General Assembly - Revs Messrs R. Burwell, S.R.C. Wilson, J.W. Ewing, and Mr. D.M. Rufsell.
4. Judicial committee - Revs Messrs E.F. Jenkins, R.H. Chapman, W.H. Wallace, W. Hay, J.E. McPherson, T.J. Penick, and Messrs Dr. G.W. Campbell, J.W. Reid, and J.F. Thomas.
5. On the Narrative - Revs Messrs E.F. Rockwell, J. Rumple, J.D. Hall, T.A. Penick, Jr., and Messrs John F. Cherry, and R.L. White.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Rev. J.M. Walker's return to Pres. his letter of dismission.

Presbytery met. A letter was received from Rev. J.M. Walker, returning his certificate of dismission which was granted him at the last meeting of Presbytery, and asking to be released from public duties until his health is improved. Whereupon it was Resolved. That the name of Rev. James M. Walker be retained on our roll, and that his request be granted.

Rev. J.B. Watt called to Steele creek and Pleasant Hill churches.

Calls from the united churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, for the pastoral services of Rev. James B. Watt were presented, the former promising the sum of $533.00, and the latter $266.67, and these calls being found in due form were placed in Rev. J.B. Watt's hands for consideration.

candidate for the ministry.

Mr. Robert Lyons Johnston, a member of the church of Rock creek, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Ministry: Whereupon he was examined on experimental religion, and his views and motives in seeking

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the ministry. This examination was sustained, and he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

Examination of Mr. Johnston on his literary course referred to a com.

The examination of Mr. Johnston on his literary course was referred to a committee consisting of Revs E.F. Rockwell, Rev S.R.C. Wilson, Rev W.L. Morrison, Rev T.J. Penick, with Ruling Elders Messrs Dr. L.L. Rankin, and Dr. E. Ayr Hutchison.

Rev J.B. Watt accepts the calls from Steele creek and Pleasant Hill churches

Rev J.B. Watt having signified his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, the following committee was appointed to make arrangements for his installation, viz Revs Messrs R.H. Lafferty, J.B. Watt, and Dr. G.W. Campbell.

Presbytery took a recess until 2½ o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Order of the day.

Presbytery met. It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to hear in reports of the state of religion in the various churches.

Report of Trustees of Davidson College rec.

The Report of the Trustees of Davidson College was presented, and read, and approved, and is as follows viz:

The committee appointed to report on the condition of Davidson College, respectfully submit the following report for the Collegiate year ending 15th July 1858.

The whole number of matriculated students, whose names have been enrolled on the registed during the whole, or a part of the Scholastick year is ninety nine (99), of whom the seniors were nine (9), Juniors twenty four (24), Sophomores twenty six, (26), Freshmen thirty six (36) - and irregulars four (4) -

The number who have left College for different reasons, such as sickness - want of means - dissatisfaction & dismission,

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is twenty two (22). of whom thirteen (13) have received an honourable dismission, and seven (7) withdrawn.

At the close of the term in February the Students were examined as usual in the presence of the officers of College and of one member of the examining committee. This examination occupied 58 hours, and was thorough, impartial, and well sustained throughout. The examinations at the close of the second term in July, were not of as long continuance, owing to the fact that the Senior class had been examined five weeks previously. These several examinations gave evidence of a considerable degree of diligence and proficiency on the part of the students, and of fidelity on the part of the professors. The general character of the students as to scholarship is regarded as respectable and promising, and the persevering efforts made by the Faculty for elevating the standard of scholarship, becoming more and more successful and encouraging.

The character for good order, and the tone of moral and religious feeling have not, perhaps, on the whole, been equal to what they were during the preceding year. During the first term, a spirit of disaffection, and even of insubordination on the part of some was manifested; and at a time when there was the prospect of an outbreak, it was speedily quelled by the prudence, wisdom and energy of the Faculty.

During the present term, God has graciously poured out his holy Spirit, in answer to the prayers of his people, whose hearts have been greatly refreshed, and who have enjoyed the pleasure of seeing many added to the Lord of such, as we trust, will be saved. The religious meetings of the students

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have been multiplied, and together with those of the College were kept up with unabated interest to the close of the Scholastick year. There was nothing so special as to distinguish this religious movement from others of a similar kind: and yet there were some circumstances of an interesting character that deserve to be reported. One is, the existence and activity of a prayer-meeting, composed of the wives of the officers of College. So strong was the faith of this little praying circle, that even before there were any visible indications of the presence of the Spirit, one of them had written to a distant correspondent stating the confident expectation entertained; to whom that correspondent replied, congratulating her on the prosperous condition of things, and the glorious results just awaiting them. Another is, that for several weeks previous to the regular communion in April, there were several cases of awakening, and an earnest wrestling in prayer on the part of a few pious Students. Again, the weekly lecture, and the Wednesday evening prayer meeting became more and more crowded and solemn, as did the meetings for prayer held by the students themselves. At the communion in April, the Chaplain was assisted by the Rev. P. D. Yenick of Concord, who, on finding a promising state of things, continued his efficient services every night for two weeks, and when obliged to return home, was followed by the acceptable services of Rev. Dr. Morrison, whose health however was so feeble as to prevent his remaining more than a few days. As before said, the meetings of the students were multiplied, at which some number or members of the Faculty were frequently present. To these meetings large crowds resorted night after night, the exercises of which were marked by deep solemnity and earnestness.

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A circumstance not unusual on such occasions should not be omitted, namely - that whilst the pious students with the young converts gathered closer together, and became more interested and active in promoting the good work - those of an opposite character likewise were more closely leagued in resisting all efforts for their spiritual good, by absenting themselves from meetings of prayer, by engaging in light and frivolous amusements during the time they were held, and in some cases, it is feared, by using ridicule and other such means to keep back the wavering from attending them. The results, on the whole however, have been glorious, and such as should draw forth the devout expression of gratitude and praise from the people of God, and the friends of the Institution. ✓

In addition to the preaching of the Gospel on the Sabbath, and the lecture and prayer meeting of the week, the students have enjoyed the diligent and faithful instructions of the Faculty in several Bible classes, into which they were divided, on Sabbath afternoon. On Monday evening religious services have been conducted by the Revd. Prof. Rockwell in the house of one of the Villagers, for their special benefit, and for the benefit of the Labourers employed in the erection of the new Building, who had shown a reluctance to attend the stated meetings of College.

Besides the Sabbath School for the white children taught by Mr. Sparrow, an Elder, with the assistance of some Ladies and students in the Chapel on the morning of the Sabbath; there is also an interesting Sabbath School for the black children and adults taught by a few Ladies, and two of the students in the School House near College, to whom, with other negroes who assemble, a sermon is preached in the afternoon of the Sabbath by the Chaplain.

About a year and a half ago, a number of pious students formed an

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association called "The Society of Inquiry on Missions," having for its object a more extensive and accurate knowledge of the heathen world than could be obtained by private means. Already a respectable museum of curiosities from heathen lands has been collected, which now constitutes one of the principal attractions to a stranger visiting the college. The articles composing this collection have been presented by a few Foreign Missionaries with whom they have entered into correspondence, and no doubt, the society would be highly gratified, as well as benefitted, in receiving any additions from the members of Presbytery, or others, who may have such things at their disposal. The leading Missionary journals of this country, and a few of other countries are subscribed for by the Society, in which they have been, thus far, aided only by the members of the Faculty. Any assistance in this department, from those disposed to give it, would be of great advantage to the Society.

A larger number of Students than has been known for several preceding years are seriously asking the question - "Am I called to preach the Gospel?" which we trust may result, in very many cases, in an affirmative answer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Drury Lacy,
E. D. Junkin, Com. of Trustees
J. R. Gillespie

Resolution for the Trustees of Davidson College.

The following Resolution in relation to the foregoing report was presented and adopted, viz: Resolved. That Presbytery would be gratified if the Board of Trustees of Davidson College will furnish a full statement of their financial condition in each annual report to the several Presbyteries.

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The name of one Elder substituted for another on the roll of Pres.

By request the name of Wm. M. Penland, Ruling Elder, was substituted for that of J. J. Thomas on the roll of Presbytery.

Report of com. on devotional Exercises.

The committee on devotional Exercises presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

1. Psalmody, and prayed by Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.
2. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. R. H. Lafferty,
3. Address by Rev. E. E. C. Wilson.
4. Prayed by Rev. Thos. J. Johnston.
5. Psalmody and benediction by the Moderator, Rev. D. Lacy, D.D: and that these exercises take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Wm. S. Moore, Chairman of Com.

Place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meting in the church of Third Creek, Rowan County, N.C. on the second Thursday of April 1859 at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery took a recess until after public worship.

After recess.

Treasurer "pro Tem"

Presbytery met. Dr. E. Ny. Hutchison was appointed Treasurer "pro Tem."-

Report of com. to examine Mr. R. J. Johnston on his literary course.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. R. J. Johnston presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee appointed to examine Mr. R. J. Johnston on his literary course, beg leave to report, that they have attended to that duty, and recommend that his examination be sustained

(Signed) E. F. Rockwell,
Wm. N. Morrison,
F. J. Penick,
E. D. Rankin,
E. Ny. Hutchison. } Com.

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Report of com. to install Rev. W. W. Hoard and the church of Centre.

The committee appointed to install the Rev. Wm. Walter Hoard over the church of Centre reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 25th day of May 1858 they installed Rev. Wm. W. Hoard over the church of Centre.

The judicial committee presented a report which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

Report of Judicial com. on reference from Shiloh ch.

The only case that has come before the committee, is one that purports to be a case of reference from the church of Shiloh, in reference to charges against J. B. Thomas, Esq. one of the Elders of said church. It appears that public rumor accuses Mr. Thomas of various offences, and that the session of the church, for reasons which they do not state, prefer that the case should be issued by Presbytery. The paper which has been sent to Presbytery, is not an official document, but comes merely from three members of the session. The committee therefore think that the case cannot regularly come before Presbytery at this time, and would recommend that it be referred back to the session with directions that they take the regular steps indicated by our Book of Discipline - table the charges - cite the accused and witnesses, and proceed to take all the testimony: and if after having proceeded thus far they think they ought not to pronounce judgment, then to refer the whole matter to the Presbytery, stating the reasons why they do make the reference, instead of trying it themselves.

See substitute for this report on page 334.

(Signed) E. D. Junkin, R. H. Chapman.
F. J. Penick, G. W. Campbell,
Walter W. Hoard Jas. W. Reid. } Com.
John Erskine McPherson,

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Resolution referring to the election of Ruling Elders.

A Resolution was laid before Presbytery on the question, who in our congregations have a right to vote in the election of Ruling Elders? This subject was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, Jas. A. Hall, R. H. Lafferty, Messrs. D. & E. Sykes Hutchison, and R. L. White. This committee was instructed to report tomorrow.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. B. Watt presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Report of com. to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. B. Watt over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. J. B. Watt over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill recommend that the installation take place in the church of Steele creek on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in Oct. next, and that the church of Pleasant Hill be directed to be present on that occasion by delegates to represent said church; and that in this service Rev. Jas. A. Hall preach the sermon; Rev. Jethro Rumple deliver the charge to the Pastor; and the Rev. R. H. Lafferty preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the people.

(Signed) G. W. Campbell, J. B. Watt, R. H. Lafferty. } Com.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. J. B. Watt, and Dr. G. W. Campbell, Ruling Elder, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Order of the day.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: hearing in the reports from the various churches on the state of religion.

It was Resolved. That the standing order of the day for 11 o'clock be anticipated, and that Presbytery now attend to that subject viz: hearing the Report of the agent of the Board of Publication; which was read by the Agent, Rev. E. A. Jenkins, and is as follows: viz:

Report of agent of Publication.

Since the last Report, which was dated Sept. 4th 1857, the following moneys have been received;

Sept. 5th 1857, Cash on hand	$3.68	April 25th 1858, Unity (Lincoln)	$16.00
Oct. 11th " from Prospect cht.	8.00	" " " Morganton cht.	12.51
" 8th " " Bethel "	8.00	" " " Concord Town cht.	12.55
" 23d " " Rev. A. A. Pinckett Legacy of Mrs. J. Horne of Rocky River Church	97.00	" " " Centre cht.	3.75
		" " " Siloam cht.	2.50
		" " " Third creek cht.	14.00
April 2d 1858, from Long creek cht.	8.15	" 24th " Prospect cht.	11.00
" " " Back creek and Hopatica churches	7.10	July 25th 1858, Bethel cht.	9.00
		Aug. 26th " Statesville	5.00
April 12th 1858, Tuplo Town cht.	7.93	Total receipts	$269.11
" " " Ramah "	3.35		
" " " Charlotte "	6.50		

Since Sept. 4th 1857, there has been forwarded to the Board in Philadelphia the following amounts:

Oct. 27th 1857, Cash remitted to the Board	$146.00
April 19th 1858, Cash remitted to the Board	91.33
" " " Paid for draft	2.00

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April 19th 1858. Cash paid for Postage - - - - - - - - - - 10 cts.
Leaving on hand Aug. 27th - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 29.58
Total — $269.10 cts

The above report was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr., and Jas. W. Reid, Ruling Elder.

The special committee to whom was referred the memorial from certain members of Paw Creek church presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz:

Report of com. on petition from Paw creek.

The committee to whom was referred the petition, or memorial of certain members of the Paw Creek church (Sixty three in number) would report that said memorial is respectful in its tone, and christian in its bearing — that it presents a strong case demanding christian sympathy, and if possible relief. Still with the developments before the committee and the facts patent upon the papers, the committee are not prepared to advise the granting of the prayer of the Petitioners.

1. To grant said prayer at the point designated within four miles of Paw Creek church, would, under the state of facts existing there, be but the continuance of the contest, adding fuel to the flame.

2d It would so weaken Paw Creek church as to leave its congregation meager, and already such they would be unable to sustain the means of grace.

3d — The church proposed would be feeble in its elements, and without prospect of becoming ever a sustaining church without drawing largely from Steele Creek, and Paw Creek congregation already such, the materials of their growth, and the elements of their power. For these reasons the committee painfully feel themselves constrained to advise that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Having thus disposed of the memorial, your committee cannot dismiss the subject without recommending that a committee of six —

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three Ministers and three Ruling Elders clothed with full power be appointed by Presbytery to visit Paw creek church, and thoroughly to examine into the difficulties existing in said congregation, and to settle the same, either by cabling charges against and directing the session to try those who disturb the peace of Zion, or instructing them to collect all the testimony on said charges, that the case thus prepared may be referred to the judgment and action of Presbytery. (Signed)

Robert Bell Chapman, Chairman of com.

Com. to visit Paw creek church.

The committee contemplated in the above report consists of the following persons, viz: Revs Messrs R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. L. Burke, R. H. Lafferty, and Messrs E. Nye Hutchison, M.D., G. W. Campbell, M.D. and A. G. Neal, Ruling Elders.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr., Rev. E. D. Junkins, and Rev. Thos. F. Johnston, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Reconsideration of the Shiloh case. See page 328.

The vote adopting the report of the judicial committee in the case from Shiloh church was, on motion, reconsidered.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and spent an hour in devotional Exercises.

Report of com. to audit accounts of Publication Funds.

The committee appointed to examine and audit the report and accounts of the treasurer of the Publication funds presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee appointed to examine the report and book of the Treasurer of the Publication funds would report that the accounts is correctly kept, and the balance on hand is $29.58 cts., and recommend the adoption of his report.

Presbytery took a recess until 2½ o'clock, P.M.

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After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Judicial committee on the reference from Shiloh church, when the following Resolution was presented as a substitute and adopted; viz: Resolved. That Revs. E. F. Rockwell, and Mr. R. J. McDowell, and Mr. A. C. McIntosh, be appointed to visit Shiloh church to settle the difficulty in that church amicably if possible, and if they cannot so settle it, to advise and aid the session of that church in the adjudication of the case, or in taking all the evidence preparatory for the adjudicating of the case by Presbytery at their next stated meeting, if the parties prefer its reference to the Presbytery for final decision.

Substitute for the report of Judicial com. on the Shiloh case.

A letter was received and read from Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. in which he tenders his resignation as Trustee in Davidson College, as a member of the Committee of Domestic Missions, as a member of the committee of Education, and also as treasurer of Presbytery, and asks for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Rocky creek, and the church of Red creek uniting with him in this request, the petition was granted, and said church was declared vacant.

Resignation of Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. as Trustee in Davidson College, as member of com. of D. Missions, as member of Education com. and as Treasurer of Pres. also dissolution of pastoral relation to Rocky creek church.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. also forwarded to Presbytery his report as Treasurer. This report with the accompanying papers was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Rev. E. H. Rankin, and Mr. R. S. White, Ruling Elders.

Com. to audit Treasurer's account.

The resignation of Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. as Trustee in Davidson College, as a member of the committee of Domestic Missions, as a member of the Education committee, and as Treasurer of Presbytery, was accepted, and Rev. Wm. S. Moore was elected in his place in the

Resignation of Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. accepted.

Rev. A. Sinclair appointed on com. of D. Missions.

Treasurer of Pres.

committee of Domestic Missions, and Rev. J. Rumple was elected Treasurer of Presbytery, and Rev. A. Sinclair was elected on the Education committee.

The committee to whom was referred the subject relative to the election of Ruling Elders presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz

Report of com. on election of Ruling Elders.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the extent to which the right of suffrage should be enjoyed in the election of Ruling Elders would report that great evils have and may in many cases arise from extending this privilege beyond the communion of the church. Whereas in all well regulated governments only those who come under the authority of the rulers have a right to vote for the rulers. And whereas the office of Elder is confined to the spiritual interests of the church, and only those who are members of that church according to the Book of discipline promise subjection to the authority of Elders. Therefore Resolved. That in the judgment of this Presbytery the privilege to vote for Ruling Elders ought not to be extended beyond the communing members of the church, and that every congregation under its care be recommended to pass a Resolution so restricting the privilege of voting in the election for Ruling Elders.

The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their report, which was read and discussed, pending which, Presbytery took a recess until after public worship.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and resumed the consideration of

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the report on the minutes of the General Assembly, as it being amended was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of com. on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly

The committee to whom the Minutes of the General Assembly were referred would report, that they find many things in the minutes requiring the action of this Presbytery. Some of these are only recommendations of particular topics; others assume the form of positive injunctions which emanating from our highest court, demand our serious consideration. Among these subjects presented in the Minutes entrusted to your committee for examination are the following:

1st. The Resolutions of the Assembly on the subject of Foreign Missions found on page 272 and on page 281. These resolutions recommend to all our church sessions a more extended circulation of the Foreign Missionary, that the children of our entire church may early become interested in the Foreign Missionary cause and be trained to the active duties of christian charity, a large increase of contributions to the funds of the Board, in view of the disastrous losses which have come upon the church in India.

The committee would suggest that the Presbytery enjoin on all our ministers and church sessions an earnest and prompt attention to these recommendations of our venerable Assembly.

2. The Resolutions found on page 275 respecting the Board of Education are worthy of special consideration. The committee would direct the attention of Presbytery to the 2, 3, 4, and 5th of this series.

These deliverances of our Assembly on this solemn subject are timely, and merit the prayerful attention of our ministers and churches.

The committee would recommend that in accordance with the 5th Resolution, the last Thursday in Feb. be observed as a day of special prayer for children and youth, especially for those in schools and colleges.

To the observance of this day as a season of prayer for this special object the churches are encouraged by the history of the past which clearly shows that God is ready and willing to hear the united and fervent prayers of his people.

3d. The next subject to which the committee would direct the attention of Presbytery is the Resolutions on page 288 regarding the Board of Publication. They are 5th, 6th, and 7th.

While the committee would not disparage the valuable services of kindred associations in the work of furnishing books for the young, your committee would express the confident hope that the day is not distant when our families and especially our Sabbath Schools will be furnished with the books of our own Board.

4th. On page 286 a matter is referred to the next General Assembly which deserves notice. It is the Resolution respecting a Commentary in accordance with the standards of the Presbyterian church. No one can question the importance of such a commentary, but the committee would respectfully suggest that it is not practicable, or if it is practicable, that it is inexpedient for the General Assembly to publish and thereby endorse a commentary on the entire Scriptures expressive of the doctrinal views of the Presbyterian church.

5th. The Assembly in two resolutions on page 224 urge upon the

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Presbyteries to see that collections are taken up in all the churches to aid the fund for disabled ministers and the widows of ministers.

The committee would urge this matter on the attention of this body, and that all our ministers and church sessions be directed to take up collections as often as they may deem expedient in aid of this fund.

6. On page 293 an overture is sent down to the Presbyteries.

The committee would propose as an answer to this overture the following Resolution:

Resolved. That the overture of the Assembly respecting the demission of the ministerial office be answered in the Negative.

(Signed) R. Burwell, Chairman.

Money to be raised for Mrs. McCutchen.

It was Resolved. That our churches be directed to forward contributions in behalf of the widows of the late Rev. J. L. McCutchen, within the next two months, or as early as practicable, to the Rev. Walter W. Hoard, to be paid to Mrs. McCutchen, and to be reported to the next meeting of Presbytery.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was amended and adopted, and ordered to be published immediately and is as follows; viz:

Supplies.

The committee of Supplies would submit the following report viz:

Rev. Walter W. Hoard and Rev. J. B. O. Wilson, each one week in the churches of Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, and Salem.

Rev. B. S. Brevard, and J. L. Wilson, one week each in Bethany and Tabor.

Rev. J. Rumple one week in Monroe.

Rev. J. L. Hall one week at Olney.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. one week at Dallas.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. one Sabbath each at Newton.

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Rev. R. K. Lafferty, and Rev. A. Sinclair, one week each at Rutherfordton and Gilkey Britain.

Rev. L. L. Stewart at Rheims' creek and Swannanoa.

Rev. J. Curtis Stewart at Silver's creek, Prunella, and Duncan's creek.

Rev. G. L. Parks at Hendersonville and Henderson county.

Rev. R. N. Davis one week at Sandy Plains and Polk county.

Rev. A. A. Penick, D.D. and Rev. J. J. Penick, one week each in Stanly county.

Rev. J. W. Ewing, and Frontis Howe, Johnston, one week each in Union county.

Rev. J. B. Watt one week in Wadesboro.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, Chairman.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion for Synod presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows viz:

Narrative for Synod.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion would respectfully report and at the outset they are compelled to express their regret at the paucity of materials furnished for such a report, as shall fully exhibit the facts in the case, or do justice to our Presbytery in the view of Synod; for we have no reports from about half of our churches, and some of them large and influential. Nor are we able to incorporate the results of the labors of our efficient Evangelist in exploring our waste places; extending our borders; strengthening weak churches; and gathering in our sheep who have strayed in the mountains. So far however as we can learn from the reports of the pastors, we are able to state that on the whole a very gratifying view of the state of our churches is presented. The general attendance on the means of grace is large and solemn. Sabbath Schools and Bible classes are kept up with a good degree of regularity; weekly prayer meetings are sustained

in many places better than formerly. With few exceptions much liberality is manifested in contributing to the Boards of the church, and aid to the various benevolent objects before the public. ✓

Some of those churches that have received aid hitherto are about to become self sustaining.

In many instances special attention is paid to the instruction of red colored population - and in some the temperance cause is making progress.

A large proportion of our churches have the pastoral relation constituted; some new houses of worship erected; and two new churches organized.

While some of our pastors report that they have been favored with no special attention to religion, or revival of the work of God in their charge, others have been blessed with the showers of heavenly grace, and large accessions have been made to their numbers. We may specify among the churches much strengthened during the last year, Asheville, Statesville, College church, Center, Concord Town, Concord, Poplar Tent, Charlotte, and Pleasant Hill. Our church is steadily, though slowly enlarging its bounds, increasing its usefulness, and taking a deeper hold on the public mind.

We rejoice to say that the Institutions of learning under the care of Presbytery, have been visited by the influences of the Holy Spirit, and that in each 25 or 30 of our precious youth of both sexes, have professed to find the Saviour precious to their souls. These institutions are doing a great and a good work in the improvement of society and the advancement of the interests of the church. Most especially, is this the case with Davidson College, in which the standard of Scholarship is more elevated, and the state of moral sentiment, as well as the state of religion, is better than for some time past. Weekly prayer-meetings are conducted by the

students among themselves, and also by the Faculty for their benefit. These are numerously attended.

A society of Inquiry on the subject of Missions, lately established, has done much to diffuse information in reference to the wants of the world, and to infuse into the hearts of the young men the spirit of Christ, and a desire to labor for the conversion of the world. Hence the number of those who are looking forward to the Holy Ministry is on the increase.

In reviewing the labors and results of last year, while we have many deficiencies to acknowledge, much indifference to bewail, it is matter of devout gratitude to God that none of our ministers have been called away by death; and that the Great Head of the church has blessed, in so great a degree our feeble instrumentality to the establishing of his people in the most holy faith, and the conversion of sinners to himself.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) E. F. Rockwell, Chairman of com.

Churches organized.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, the Evangelist, reported that on the 13th day of June 1858 he organized a church at Newton, Catawba Co. consisting of 8 members; and that on the 4th day of July 1858 he organized the church of Sandy Plains in Polk county, consisting of 8 members. These churches were taken under the care of Presbytery, and enrolled on the list of our churches.

Statistical report presented.

The Stated Clerk presented the statistical report, which was approved and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Report of the auditing com.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of Rev. H. B. Cunningham, late Treasurer of Presbytery, presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz: The undersigned appointed a committee to audit the account of H. B. Cunningham, Treasurer of Presbytery, having

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examined the same together with accompanying vouchers, find the account correct, except that there is no voucher for the twenty five dollars claimed to have paid to D. A. Davis, Treasurer of Synod. (This voucher, he states he has not yet come into his hand.)

S. D. Rankin, Com.
R. S. White. }

Evangelist reelected.

Rev. Jesse Rankin was unanimously reelected Evangelist for the ensuing year, with a salary of $100.00—

It was made the order of the day for this evening after sermon to hear the report of the Evangelist.

Presbytery took a recess until after divine worship.

After divine worship.

Presbytery met and proceeded to hear the report of the Evangelist. It was Resolved. That presbytery instruct the Evangelist to visit as many of the churches as practicable in the next four months for the purpose of securing increased contributions to the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Evangelist instructed to visit the churches to raise funds for D. Missions.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted; Resolved. That our Pastors and stated supplies be required to preach before the next regular meeting of Presbytery on the subject of the Family constitution; Family training and Government.

Ministers instructed to preach on the family constitution.

Wm. J. De Witt Burkhead, a candidate for the ministry, under the care of Presbytery purposing to spend a year or two in Scotland in prosecuting his studies, asked Presbytery to give him a certificate of recommendation. The Stated clerk was directed to furnish him with a certificate.

Wm. J. De Witt Burkhead receives a letter of introduction to Scotland.

The committee appointed to visit Fair creek church was directed

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Com. to Fair creek to hold a meeting.

to hold a protracted meeting before commencing the work assigned them.

List of churches not represented in the present meeting of Pres.

The following churches failed to be represented by a delegate at the present meeting of Presbytery, viz; Mallard creek, Ramah, Unity (Lincoln co.), Macpelah, Rocky River, College Church, Hopewell, Olney, Dallas, Wadesboro, Lenoir, Goshen, Third creek, Fifth creek, Swannanoa, Pair creek, Salisbury, Poplar Tent, Bethpage, Marion, Siloam, Brusilla, Lebanon, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Duncan's creek, Lincolnton, Long creek, Suzad creek, Monroe, Centre, Concord Town, Hendersonville, Morganton, Concord and Shiloh, Prospect and Bethel, Bethany, Tabor, Sharon and Providence, Unity (Rowan co.) and Franklin (Rowan co.), Wilkesboro, Joppa, Taylorsville, Salem, Fourth creek, and Bethesda.

Resolved. That this list of churches delinquent in not sending representatives to this ~~body~~ meeting of Presbytery be published, adding a note.

Abstract to be published.

The Stated clerk was ordered to have an abstract of the proceedings of this meeting published in the North Carolina Presbyterian.

The following Resolutions were presented and adopted; viz:

Vote of thanks.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be cordially extended to the citizens of Franklin, and its vicinity for the kindness and cordiality with which they have extended to its members in their reception and entertainment during its present sessions.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Methodist brethren of this vicinity for the offer and use of their encampment for holding its present sessions.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third creek church on the 2d Thursday of April next at 11 o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

Drury Lacy, Modr.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

N.B. The following members of Presbytery were absent thro'out the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence: Revs. Messrs. W.S. Pharr, R.H. Morrison, D.D., Daniel Lindley, Jas. E. Morrison, H.B. Cunningham, D.D., A. Baker, Wm. C. Shultz, B.S. Kreider, and Wm. G. Campbell.

Statistical report continued.

Statistical Report of Presbytery to Synod in the Fall of 1858.

Statistical report.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of 31 Ministers, and have under their care 65 Churches, 5 Licentiates, and 7 Candidates; that on the 23d day of Oct. 1857, they received Rev. Wm. G. Campbell from the Presbytery of Lexington, Va., that on the 25th day of Oct. 1857, they installed the Rev. Alexander Sinclair over the Church of Charlotte; that on the 30th day of Oct. 1857, they installed Rev. J.W. Ervin over the Church of Shiloh; that on the 14th day of Nov. 1857, they installed Rev. J.W. Ervin over the Church of Concord; that on the 27th day of Jan. 1858, they ordained to the full work of the Ministry, Daniel A. Penick, Jr., and installed him over the Church of Poplar Tent; that on the 2d day of April 1858, they dismissed the Rev. Wm. C. Sutton with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Harmony, S.C.; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. Thomas E. Davis with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of South Carolina; that on the same day they dismissed Rev. Benjamin L. Beall with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Bethel, S.C.; that on the same day they received Rev. Robert Burwell from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they licensed William Thomas Hall to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 5th day of April 1858, they received Rev. Samuel Caldwell Pharr, D.D. from the Presbytery of Knoxville, Tenn.; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J.J. Stewart and the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 14th day of May 1858, they ordained to the full work of the ministry, William Walter Pharr, and installed him over the church of Bethpage; that on the same day they licensed Francis Howe Johnston to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Holy Ministry; that on the 21st day of May 1858, they installed Rev. J.C. Pharr, D.D. over the church of Hopewell; that on the 23d day of May 1858, they installed Rev. Wm. Walter Pharr over the church of Centre; that on the 13th day of June 1858, they organized the church of Newton; that on the 4th day of July 1858, they organized the church of Sandy Plains, in Polk county; that on the 26th day of Aug. 1858, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. G.W. Parks and the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they received as a member the Rev. James B. Watt from the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South; that on the 27th day of Aug. 1858, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. H.B. Cunningham, D.D. and the church of Paw creek, and declared said church vacant; and that on the 8th day of Oct. 1858, they installed Rev. J.B. Watt over the united congregations of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

By order of Presbytery

Nov. 15th 1858.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Approved Thurs Jan. J. Doll
Moderator of Synod

Newbern N.C.
Nov. 19th 1858

"Pro re nata" meeting

Charlotte, N.C.
Tuesday, Feb. 22d 1858
12 o'clock, M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the notice given by the Moderator, Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. calling a special meeting for the purpose of considering the request of Rev. H.B. Cunningham, D.D. to be dismissed to the Presbytery of Charleston, S.C. The Moderator being absent, the Rev. Jesse Rankin the last Moderator present took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer. Present: Ministers: Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, R.H. Lafferty, A. Sinclair, J. Rumple: Ruling Elders: Messrs. D.D. Caldwell from Sugar creek Ch. W.E. Ky. Hutchison, from Charlotte Ch., C.J. Alexander, from Sharon Ch., and John M. Query from Rocky River Ch.

Rev. H.B. Cunningham dismissed to Charleston Presbytery.

A letter was read from Rev. H.B. Cunningham, D.D. asking to be dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Charleston, S.C. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Presbytery, having finished the business for which it was convened adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Third Creek Church, Rowan Co. N.C.
Thursday, April 14th 1859.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E.D. Junkin, the last Moderator present, from John v. 24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life": Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R.H. Morrison, D.D.	Messrs. John Kirk,
Jesse Rankin,	R.L. McDowell,
D.A. Penick, Sr.	Joseph A. Shard,
J.E. Morrison,	R.B. Alexander,
J.D. Hall,	Ezra B. Wilson,
S.B.O. Wilson,	Duncan Nivin,
A. Baker,	R.A. Beaty,
Wm. G. Campbell,	J.G. Ramsay, M.D.,
R.H. Chapman, D.D.,	David Rickard,
Walter W. Shard,	W.A. Lathey,
Thomas N. Perton,	D.F. Summey, M.D.,
J.B. Watt,	J.J. Brevard,
R.N. Davis,	Wm. L. Harris,
R.H. Lafferty,	Rufus Ramsay,
S.C. Shard, D.D.,	James Harper,
Wm. C. Shentz,	J.A. Ramsour,
Wm. S. Moore,	R.F. Barnett,
S.C. Alexander,	D. Coleman,

Revs Messrs E. D. Junkin,
B. S. Krider,
Jethro Rumple,
L. L. Stewart,
D. A. Penick, Jr.
Wm W. Hard,

Messrs. E. L. Magle,
Thomas Todd,
J. A. Hill,
John H. McDowell,
J. N. Ross,
H. Williams,
S. L. Howell,
T. S. Boyd,
T. B. Stinson,
G. S. Robinson.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. E. Morrison for Moderator, and Revs E. D. Junkin and D. F. Sumney, M.D. for temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Reading of Rules dispensed with.

Presbytery met. The reading of the Rules was dispensed with, and the Moderator elect took the chair.

Minutes read and corrected.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read and corrected.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches

Those appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to state whether they had performed this duty; when it appeared that this duty had only been complied with in part.

Pastors and supplies called on to answer whether they had obeyed the order of Presbytery.

Pastors and stated supplies were called upon to state whether they had preached, in compliance with the order of Presbytery, on the family constitution, family training and government: when it appeared that this duty had also been only in part discharged.

Members appointed in Presbytery.

Revs. Messrs. S. Frontis, G. D. Parks, and T. W. Erwin, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took their seats.

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Ruling Elders appointed in Presbytery.

Mr. M. E. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from Hamah church, Mr. D. Kilpatrick, Ruling Elder from Prospect church, Mr. M. M. Bailey, Ruling Elder from Tabor church, and Mr. M. D. Johnston, Ruling Elder from the Charlotte church, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

Churches called on why they were not represented in last meeting.

The churches which failed to be represented at the last semi-annual meeting were called on to state the reasons why they were not represented.

Minutes of Pro re nata meeting referred.

The minutes of the Pro re nata meeting of Presbytery held at Charlotte, Feb. 22d 1859 were, on motion, referred to a committee, consisting of Revs S. Frontis,

Corresponding members.

Rev. A. C. Junkin, a member of the Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church of Philadelphia; the Rev. J. C. Carson and Rev. Wm Graves, members of the Union Presbytery of Tenn (N. S.) being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Absentees called on for reasons of absence.

Absentees from the last meeting were called on to render their excuses for absence, which being rendered, were sustained.

Papers were called for and laid on the table.

Devotional exercises.

Rev. Wallace W. Hard read a request sent to Presbytery bearing on the devotional exercises, when it was Resolved. That one half hour be spent every morning in devotional exercises.

J. A. Bard dismissed.

J. A. Bard, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, was dismissed, at his own request to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw.

R. B. Anderson's request for his text changed.

Robert B. Anderson, a candidate under the care of Presbytery requested Presbytery to change the text assigned him for his popular sermon from John III. 16. to Rom XXIII 26. This request was granted.

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Rev. W. L. Moore called to Ebenezer and Franklin churches.

Calls from the churches of Ebenezer and Franklin, Macon county, each promising $250,00 for the pastoral services of Rev. Wm L. Moore, were read, and placed in his hands for consideration.

M. W. L. Wood called to Tabor, Bethany, and Fifth creek churches.

Calls from the churches of Fifth creek, Bethany, and Tabor, each promising $200,00 for one third of Mr. W. L. Wood's pastoral services, were read. The call from Bethany church was placed in his hands for consideration. The calls from Tabor and Fifth creek were returned until they are amended and put in due form.

J. C. Stewart a licentiate received from the Presbytery of East Alabama.

John Curtis Stewart, a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery of East Alabama, presented a letter of dismission from said Presbytery to put himself under the care of Concord Presbytery. He was thereupon received under our care as a licentiate.

F. H. Johnston dismissed to Orange Presbytery.

Frontis Horne Johnston, a licentiate under our care, was at his own request dismissed with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

Order of the day for trial sermon.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow immediately after recess to hear the trial sermon of James C. Alexander with a view to his licensure.

M. M. Johnston treasurer for Church Ex. and Education.

Mr. M. D. Johnston was appointed to receive all moneys for church Extension, and Education, and pay them over to the Treasurer, E. Nye Hutchison, M. D.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz:
On Devotional Exercises – Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, Rev. Walter W. Pharr and Wm L. Harris.
Judicial committee – Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr., Rev. R. H. Morrison, Jr. and R. J. McDowell.

On the Narrative – Rev. J. C. Watt, Rev. Thos. N. Paxton, and R. J. McDowell.
On Supplies – Rev. Jesse Rankin, Rev. W. L. Moore, and Joseph A. Pharr.
On the Minutes of Synod – Rev. J. Rumple, and J. G. Ramsay, M. D.
Sessional Records. Rev. J. W. Erwin, and E. B. Stinson, examine the records of Mallard creek, Remah, Unity (Lincoln co), Macpelah, Steele creek, Pleasant Hill, and Taylorsville.
Rev. G. D. Parks, and T. S. Boyd – Charlotte, Rocky River, College church, Hopewell, Wilkerson, Philadelphia, and Bethlehem.
Rev. Wm W. Pharr and John H. McDowell – Olney, Dallas, Wedesboro, Goshen, New Hope, Sharon, Providence, and Joppa.
Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr., and J. A. Hill – Lenoir, Third creek, Fifth creek, Rhiems creek, Unity, (Rowan co), and Franklin, (Rowan co).
Rev. R. S. Rodes, and Thomas Todd – Savannah, Fall creek, Asheville, Salisbury, Hiwassee, Salem, and Fourth creek.
Rev. S. C. Alexander, and J. A. Ramsay – Poplar Tent, Bethany, centre, Bethpage, Marion, Tabor, Bethesda, and Newton.
Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and J. J. Brumed – Concord Town, Siloam, Prospect, Lebanon, Rutherfordton, and Little Britain.
Rev. R. N. Davis, and M. D. Johnston – Duncans creek, Sugar creek, Monroe, Hendersonville, Morganton, (Franklin Macon co) Ebenezer, Thyatira, and Back creek.
Rev. J. D. Hall, and R. D. Alexander – Lincolnton, Long creek, Concord, Shiloh, Prospect, Bethel, and Sandy Plains.
Committee on Systematic Benevolence – Rev. S. C. Pharr, D. D. Rev. A. Baker, and R. L. Howell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

committee to nominate trustees for D. College.

Revs. Messrs. R.H. Morrison, D.D., and R.H. Lafferty, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

committee to nominate trustees for Female college.

Revs. Messrs. A. Baker, and B.L. Kridler, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College at Statesville.

Report of judicial com. on the appeal of J.F. White in the case of M.M. Brown.

The judicial committee presented a report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The judicial committee respectfully report to Presbytery, that certain papers have been placed in their hands which purport to contain charges against M.M. Brown, a Ruling Elder of the church in Salisbury, tabled before the session of said church, and prosecuted by Mr. J.F. White. The trial of the case by the session of the Salisbury church, including the testimony in the case, and the judgment of the session in the case - from which judgment the prosecutor, Mr. J.F. White appeals to this Presbytery.

The appeal, in the judgment of your committee, is in due form of law, and in respectful terms; the papers in the case appear to be all properly arranged, and the case ready for trial.

The committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal

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be entertained, and that the following order be observed in issuing it, viz:

1st. That the sentence appealed from be read.
2d. That the reasons assigned by the appellant for his appeal be read.
3d. That the whole record of the proceedings of the session in the case, including all the testimony, and the reasons of sessions decision be read.
4th. That the original parties - the prosecutor, and the defendant be heard.
5th. That the members of the session of Salisbury church be heard in explanation of the grounds of their decision.
6th. That the roll of Presbytery be called and every member have an opportunity of expressing his opinion on the case.
7th. That the final vote be then taken.

All which is respectfully submitted.
(Signed) Daniel A. Penick, Jr. Chairman of Judicial committee.

Assistance granted Mr. J.F. White in his case.

At the request of Mr. J.F. White, Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D. and D. Coleman, Esq. were appointed to assist him in conducting his case.

The church of Davidson River received.

Petitions from the congregations of Davidson River, and Mills River, asking to be taken under the care of Presbytery, were read, their request was granted, and the name of their church was enrolled. (These congregations are from the New School connection. There is but one church organization, that of Davidson River.)

A member appears in Pby.

Rev. E.T. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Case from Shiloh Church referred to judicial committee.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell, chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to visit Shiloh church, presented his report, whereupon the papers from the session of that church were placed in the hands of the judicial committee.

Ruling Elder appears in Pby.

Dr. John McClelland, Ruling Elder from Shiloh church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Rev. Messrs. John C. Carson, and Wm. Graves, received from Union Presby. Tenn.

Rev. Messrs. John C. Carson, and Wm. Graves, presented letters of dismission from the Union Presbytery, Tenn. (New School) with the view of connecting themselves with this Presbytery. They were examined, and this examination being entirely satisfactory, they were received as members of this Presbytery, and their names were enrolled.

Letters of excuse received.

Letters were received from Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. and Rev. John C. McPherson, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting of Presbytery.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon after the trial sermon of Mr. Alexander, to hear in Sessional Records, reports on Systematic Benevolence, and on the state of religion.

Rev. W. S. Moore accepts the calls placed in his hands.

Rev. Wm. S. Moore signified his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Franklin & Ebenezer.

com. to arrange for installation.

Rev. Wm. S. Moore, Rev. G. D. Parks, and Mr. E. L. Hagler, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. S. Moore.

Members of pby. appear in Pby.

Rev. Messrs. R. Burwell, and James M. Walker, appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Order of the day, not reached.

The order of the day, viz: report on Domestic Missions, was postponed.

Mr. J. Sherrow, Ruling Elder from College church appeared in

Presbytery, and took his seat.

Report of com. to install Rev. J. B. Watt over the churches of Steele creek & Pleasant Hill.

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. B. Watt over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to install Rev. J. B. Watt over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill report. That on the 8th day of Oct. 1858 they installed Rev. J. B. Watt, pastor over the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

Report of com. on Pro re nata meeting.

The committee on the Pro re nata meeting, presented their report, which was received, and after discussion was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas this Presbytery believes that the North Carolina Presbyterian is taken by every minister within our bounds, and also by one or more Ruling Elders in all our churches: therefore - Resolved. That the Moderator's circular notice published in that paper, for a called meeting of Presbytery to be held in the town of Charlotte on the 22d day of Feb. 1859, though not according to the strict letter of our Form of Government, yet was, as we verily believe, in accordance with the spirit and intention of our book: - and in as much as it secured a more general, certain, and speedy notice of that meeting, to all our ministers and sessions of vacant congregations, than could have been done in the ordinary way; - said call meeting was in the opinion of this Presbytery, truly constitutional: Yet, in as much as there may be a difference of opinion on this point, Presbytery recommends that in all future cases the letter of the book be strictly adhered to.

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Calls from Concord and Mount Olivet churches for Rev. J.W. Erwin.

Calls from the churches of Concord and Mount Olivet in Fairfield District, S.C., each for one half of Rev. J.W. Erwin's pastoral services, promising each $302.50, were laid before Presbytery. Accompanying these calls was a certificate of Bethel Presbytery giving permission to these churches to prosecute these calls before this Presbytery. The calls being in due form were placed in the hands of Rev. J.W. Erwin for consideration.

Com. on the Fund for disabled ministers &c.

Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D., Rev. Walter W. Pharr, and D.A.T. Summey were appointed a special committee to take charge of the fund for disabled ministers, and widows of deceased ministers.

Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Robert Hett Chapman, D.D. and Rev. S.C. Alexander, Ministers: and Maj. D.H. Hill, and A.T. Summey, Ruling Elders - with Rev. A. Baker alternate to Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D., Rev. W.S. Moore alternate to Rev. S.C. Alexander; J.H. Hamilton alternate to A.T. Summey, and L.L. Harrell alternate to D.H. Hill.

Report of the judicial com. on the Shiloh case.

The judicial committee presented this report on the papers from Shiloh church, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The judicial committee respectfully further report that voluminous papers have been put in their hands; from which it appears that a communication was presented to this Presbytery at its sessions at Franklin indicating the existence of difficulties in the church of Shiloh - that Presbytery appointed a special committee to visit the church of Shiloh and assist the session of that church in attempting to settle these difficulties - but should they fail to settle the case, that the said session, aided by said committee proceed to table charges, and conduct the trial to a proper issue - but if it be thought necessary, to prepare the case for reference to the Presbytery - the papers further show that the committee of Presbytery, and session of Shiloh attended to the business as directed, and that the charges with their specifications and all the testimony taken in the case are referred to this Presbytery for final adjudication.

The committee recommend that the reference be taken up, the papers be read in the order in which they are sent up, with a view to a final issue of the case.

All which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) D.A. Penick, Jr. chairman of com.

Assistance granted Mr. J.B. Thomas.

At the request of Mr. J.B. Thomas (the accused), Rev. R.H. Chapman, D.D., and D. Coleman, were appointed to assist him in managing his defence in this case.

Assistance granted the session of Shiloh.

Rev. E.P. Rockwell, and R.J. McDowell, were appointed to assist the session of Shiloh in the same case.

Order of the day.

It was made the 3d order of the day for this afternoon to take up this judicial case.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock to take up the appeal of Mr. White from the decision of the session of Salisbury church.

Presbytery took a recess for half an hour.

After recess.

Rev. W.G. Campbell dismissed to Lexington Pres.

Presbytery met. Rev. Wm. G. Campbell was, at his own request, dismissed with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.

S.C. Alexander's trial sermon. Order of the day.

The trial sermon of Mr. S.C. Alexander was heard.

The order of the day was attended to viz: handing in Episcopal

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records, reports on the state of religion, and on Systematic Benevolence in the different churches.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Report of com. on Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that the daily devotions be conducted by the Moderator; that the Presbyterial prayer meeting take place Saturday immediately after recess - Psalm sung by Rev J. Rumple: Prayed by Rev G.D. Parks: Reading the Scriptures by Rev S.C. Harris D.D: Address by Rev S. Prentiss: Prayer by Rev W.C. Sheets: Psalm sung by Rev R.H. Morris: and Benediction by the Moderator.

The 2d order of the day was suspended for 15 minutes.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to visit the church of Bear creek presented their report, which was for the present laid on the table.

A paper from Mr J.J. Johnston referred.

A paper from Mr J.J. Johnston, a former Elder in Bear creek church, was laid before Presbytery and referred to the Moderator for examination.

Reference from the Bd to them up.

Presbytery proceeded to take up the reference from Shiloh church. The Moderator reminded Presbytery that they were about to proceed to judicial business, and reminded the members of their standing as judges in a court of Jesus Christ.

It was resolved That the records of Shiloh session be received as testimony.

All the testimony in the case was read.

Members obtain leave of absence.

Messrs. L.L. Worrell, and M. Bailey, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery. Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock - Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in Devotional Exercises. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Members obtains leave of absence.

Rev R.H. Morrison, D.D. obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The order of the day was postponed in order to take up the unfinished business of yesterday - viz: the trial of Mr J.B. Thomas in the reference from the Session of Shiloh church.

Rev E.F. Rockwell opened the case for the session of Shiloh church, Mr D. Coleman spoke for the Defendant: R.L. McDowell followed in behalf of the session, and Rev R.H. Chapman, D.D. for the Defendant.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock was postponed.

The case of reference from Shiloh church not sustained.

The roll of Presbytery was called, in order to give every member an opportunity to make any remarks upon the case.

The roll was then called for the final vote which was to sustain the charges, None - Not to sustain 55 - 3 were excused from voting: viz: Rev S.B.O. Wilson, Rev J.W. Erwin, and Mr J. McClelland.

Com to bring in a minute on the case from Shiloh.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, Rev J.K. Poston, and W.A. Harris, were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in this case.

Com. on Education reports.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the Report of the agent on Education. The committee on Education presented their report, and after addresses were made by Revs Messrs J.D. Watt, and A. Baker, it was adopted. (This report did not come into the hands of the Stated Clerk and consequently cannot be recorded)

The report of the Treasurer of Education was received, and

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and put into the hands of the auditing committee, together with his book.

Com. to audit Treasurer's account of Church Extension.

The Treasurer of the Church Extension committee presented his report, which was also placed in the hands of the auditing committee, consisting of Rev. J. Rumple and W. L. Harris.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. E. B. Henson obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Report of com. on Systematic Benevolence refused.

The committee appointed to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence for the General Assembly, presented their report which was recommitted to the same committee.

Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Dom. Missions.

A committee, consisting of Rev. G. D. Parks, and J. G. Ramsey, M. D., was appointed to audit the Rev. E. F. Rockwell's book, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell and Mr. T. Sparrow obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Order of the day postponed.

The order of the day for this afternoon (Devotional Exercises) was postponed, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to take up the appeal case from the church of Salisbury.

R. B. Anderson's Latin Exegesis refused.

The Latin Exegesis of Mr. R. B. Anderson was refused to the committee on Languages for examination.

Report of com. to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. L. Moore over the churches of Franklin and Ebenezer.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. L. Moore over the churches of Franklin, and Ebenezer) presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the installation of Rev. W. L. Moore over the churches of Franklin, and Ebenezer, recommend that the installation take place at Ebenezer on the Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in May. That the Rev. J. E. McPherson preach the sermon and deliver the charge to the people, and that

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Rev. G. D. Parks preside, propose the constitutional questions and give the charge to the pastor. That Rev. Wm. Graves be alternate to Rev. G. D. Parks, and the Rev. L. L. Stewart be alternate to Rev. J. E. McPherson.

That the installation take place at Franklin church on the Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in June. That Rev. G. D. Parks preach the sermon, and give the charge to the people, and that Rev. J. E. McPherson preside, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the pastor: That Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. be alternate to Rev. J. E. McPherson, and Rev. J. C. Carson be alternate to Rev. G. D. Parks.

(Signed) W. L. Moore.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. John H. McDowell, M. E. Caldwell, and Daniel Coleman obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Letter of excuse not sustained.

A letter was received and read from Rev. Alexander Sinclair, giving reasons for absence from this Presbytery. These reasons were not sustained.

Petition for the ordination of J. C. Stewart.

A petition from Duncans creek, Troutville, and Silver creek asking for the ordination of John C. Stewart as an Evangelist was read, and laid on the table for the present.

Report of com. on the case from Shiloh church.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of Presbytery in the case of the reference from Shiloh church presented their report, which was amended and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee appointed to report a minute expressive of the judgment of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. [illegible] Thomas respectfully submit the following:

That the testimony exhibited in the case shows but too clearly that an unhappy alienation exists to a mischievous extent in,

at least, a portion of the church, that there is apparent a disposition to view the conduct of the accused in an uncharitable light. The charges preferred against Mr. Thomas were of a grave character, and such as ought to be entertained only on strong presumptive evidence of guilt. The Presbytery has not hesitated in saying that evidence is by no means sufficient to sustain such charges, and yet they believe the accused and others concerned should feel themselves called on to exercise more circumspection in their mutual intercourse and business transactions.

The Presbytery would moreover earnestly recommend the observance of a conciliatory deportment on the part of the whole church. (Signed) J. Rankin, Thos. N. Payton, W. S. Harris. } Com.

Appeal from the session of Salisbury not sustained.

The order of the day was taken up – the appeal of Mr. White from the decision of the session of Salisbury in the case of Mr. M. Brown. The records of the session of Salisbury in the case were read.

After hearing all the testimony, Mr. T. Coleman for the appellant opened the case.

Rev. A. Baker spoke for the accused, Mr. Brown.

Mr. J. J. Brunel then spoke for the session.

The roll was called giving each member of Presbytery an opportunity to express his view in the case.

The roll was again called and the final vote taken which resulted as follows: To sustain the appeal in part 1; Not to sustain 48. Excused from voting 2. Non liquet 1.

The Appeal was accordingly Not sustained.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sr. R. H. Lafferty, and J. O. Thacker were appointed a committee to bring in a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in this case.

This committee subsequently brought in a minute which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Report of com. to prepare a minute expressive of the judgment of Presbytery in the case of the appeal of J. J. White from the decision of the session of Salisbury.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute expressing the judgment of the Presbytery in the case of Mr. J. J. White's appeal from the decision of the session of Salisbury church, respectfully submit the following which they recommend to be adopted, and entered on record immediately after the vote which was given in the case: viz:

Whilst the Presbytery most fully sustain the decision of the session, it is their judgment that both the prosecutor and the defendant ought to retain the christian confidence and sympathies of their brethren and of one another, and tho no moral wrong was intended by either party; yet both of the parties ought to submit to an impartial arbitration of the matter with a view to an equitable settlement of all pecuniary obligations.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Chairman.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Rev. E. C. Alexander asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the united churches of Thyatira and Back creek. The standing Rule, requiring the giving of reasons why a dissolution of the pastoral relation is desired, was suspended as to Thyatira church.

The request as to Thyatira church was granted, the church uniting with the pastor in the request, and said church was declared vacant.

The request was not granted, as to the church of Back creek.

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Place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was unanimously Resolved— That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting at Mills' River, Henderson cnty, N. C. on Friday before the second Sabbath in Sept. 1859 at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. M. D. Johnston, and T. S. Boyd, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Com. on the records of Concord Town church report. Report laid over.

The committee appointed to examine the sessional records of the church of Concord Town presented their report, which was read, and its consideration laid over to the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. W. S. Harris obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in Devotional Exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, and G. D. Parks, obtained leave of absence.

It was made the order of the day for to-day at 10 o'clock to report on sessional records.

Calls from Tabor and Fifth creek ordered placed in the hands of W. A. Wood.

The calls from the churches of Tabor and Fifth creek for the pastoral services of Wm. A. Wood were laid before Presbytery and read, and being in due form they were placed in his hands for consideration.—

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-day at 11 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of R. B. Anderson.

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The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Supplies.

Committee on Supplies report

Rev. John D. Wilson spend one week at Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, and Newton.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. and Rev. J. D. Wall, one week each at Dallas and vicinity.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Rev. J. R. Watt, each one Sabbath in Wadesboro, and Lebanon.

Rev. W. A. Wood one week in Lenoir and vicinity.

Rev. A. Sinclair, and Rev. E. D. Junkin, Rutherfordton, and Silver Brittain.

Rev. John C. Carson, and Rev. G. D. Parks, Sandy Ridge, and Polk county.

Rev. S. C. Pharr, D. D. and Rev. R. N. Davis, Shelby and vicinity.

Rev. J. W. Erwin, and Rev. B. L. Frieder, Salem.

Rev. Messrs. Wm. Graves, John C. Carson, W. L. Moore, and G. D. Parks, one week each in Jackson and Haywood.

Rev. D. J. Pinnick, and Rev. L. A. Pinnick, to Stanley.

Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, and Rev. S. B. C. Wilson, Ashe county.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr, administer the Lords supper at Bethesda church.

Rev. S. Frontis— Thyatira.

To supply the pulpit of Rev. S. C. Alexander in his absence to the General Assembly— Rev. S. Frontis, and J. C. Alexander each one Sabbath.

To supply the pulpit of Rev. R. W. Chapman, D. D. at Asheville during his absence to the Gen. Assembly, Rev. Wm. S. Morrison, Rev. W. C. Lutz, and Rev. G. D. Parks.

(Signed) J. S. Rankin, Chairman

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The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion for the General Assembly, presented their report, which was read, and recommitted, and Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. was added to the committee.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasured of Domestic Missions presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Report of com. to audit the accounts of Treasurer of Dom. Missions.

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The undersigned appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions have examined the same up to the contribution from the church of Concord of $18.40 - and up to draft paid Rev. J. Rankin, March 28th 1859, $250, find the payments sustained by proper vouchers: and a balance now in his hands of $547.52

(Signed) G. H. Parks, } com.
J. G. Ramsay, }

Corresponding members.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of the Methodist Episcopal church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Report on sessional records.

The committees on the following sessional records presented their reports, which were approved, and where exceptions were taken they were entered in the books excepted to, viz: Charlotte, College church, Philadelphia, Rocky River, Hopewell with exceptions, Providence, Huntersville, Olney, New Hope, with exceptions, Lenoir with exceptions, Third creek, Ramah, Asheville, Salisbury, Paw creek with exceptions, Fourth creek with exceptions, Bethany with exceptions, Bethesda with exceptions, Marion with exceptions, Centre with exceptions, Taylorsville with exceptions, Siloam, Lebanon with exceptions, Pleasant Hill with exceptions, Ebenezer, Morganton, Sugar creek, Thyatira, Back creek with exceptions, Mallard creek with exceptions, Steele creek with exceptions, Unity with exceptions, Prospect, Bethel, Shiloh, and Concord.

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Treasurer of Pres. instructed to write to churches failing to pay commissioners fund.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted: viz:

Resolved - That the Treasurer of Presbytery be instructed to write to those churches which have failed to pay their commissioners fund and urge upon them the discharge of this duty, and keep a account of the indebtedness of all who fail, and report from year to year.

Report of com. on the fund for disabled ministers &c.

The committee on the Fund for disabled ministers, and the widows of deceased ministers presented a report which was adopted and is as follows: viz:

The committee appointed on the fund proposed to be raised for the benefit of disabled ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers Report - That they have not had the time to develop the plan - that they have received some funds aside from the special appropriation to the widow of the late Rev. John L. McLutchen - they ask time to make and develop the plan, expressing their solemn conviction of the importance of the object; they also ask the adoption of the following resolution: - Resolved - That this subject be presented by Pastors and Stated Supplies to their charges, and that all the churches under our care be required to take up collections annually in aid of this fund.

The following resolution was presented, read and adopted; viz: Whereas it is believed that the manufacturing and use

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Ministers requested to preach on Temperance.

of strong drink are incressing in our bounds- Therefore Resolved- That all the ministers belonging to this Presbytery be requested to preach on the subject of Temperance between this and the next meeting of Presbytery.

Trial Sermons of R. B. Anderson preached.

The order of the day was attended to: viz: hearing the trial sermon of Mr. R. B. Anderson.

The committee appointed to audit the books and report of the Treasurer of Education presented their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows: viz:

Report of com. to audit the Books of Treasurer of Education.

The Committee appointed to audit the Books of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, have examined the same, and find it correct, and that there is in his hands balance of Three Hundred and twenty one Dollars and fifty one cts. ($321.51)

(Signed) J. Rumple, Com.

The Treasurer of Education was instructed to throw out ten Dollars counterfeit money.

Report of Com. to audit the book of Treasurer of Church Extension.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the church Extension committee presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows: viz:

Committee appointed to audit the Book of Treasurer of church Extension have examined the same, and find it correct, with a balance in his hands of Three Hundred and seventy one Dollars and fifty five cts. ($371.55 cts.)

(Signed) J. Rumple, Com.

Narrative.

The committee on the Narrative presented their report which was read, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows: viz:

The committee to whom was referred the Narrative of

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the state of religion in the churches under the care of Concord Presbytery respectfully submit the following report.

Narrative.

We regret to state that many of our pastors have presented no statement or returns of the spiritual condition of their respective charges, and others have given very meager and general statements. From those which came into our hands we glean the following items.

The attendance upon the public means of grace is encouraging, and the extension of church accommodation by the erection of several large houses of worship, and the enlargement of others during the past year, we would hail as hopeful indications of a growing interest in the public ordinances.

Sabbath schools are generally in a more flourishing condition and Prayer meetings are well sustained.

Family religion is receiving increased attention, and the domestic altar is erected in many households.

The religious instruction of the colored people in the Sanctuary, Sabbath schools, and in many christian families inspires the pleasing hope, that this too long neglected class of people is enjoying more religious advantages than heretofore.

There is a manifest improvement in the contributions of the people to the benevolent boards of the church. In several congregations these contributions have been doubled, and there is general evidence of enlarged and liberal views on that subject. During the past Ecclesiastical year there have been special outpourings of the Spirit in each of the institutions of learning under our care: viz: Davidson College, and Concord Female College. Some of our churches have been specially revived

in others there have been unusually large accessions.

The Presbytery has employed seven Missionaries besides an Evangelist. Three new churches have been organized, and twelve places supplied, which would be otherwise vacant. Other destitute places are occasionally visited by our Evangelist. There has been a large increase in the contributions to Domestic Missions, and Foreign Missions.

(Signed) J. B. Watt, Chairman of Com.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. J. B. Watt obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was read, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows: viz:

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

The committee appointed to report on Systematic Benevolence within the bounds of Concord Presbytery respectfully report that they have investigated the different papers placed in their hands and from them have collected a statement of facts which may serve to show the plans and operations of the different churches under our care. There has been a decided improvement during the past year in contributions to the different Boards. The plan adopted by some of our churches is the taking up of collections for the different Boards the first Sabbath of every month, in rotation. Others have adopted the plan of taking up of collections for Foreign and Domestic Missions twice annually.

Others have adopted the system of collecting for the object of Foreign Missions on the first Sabbath of every month and then passing around the congregation a blank book in which

persons subscribe what they are willing to give.

Others, again, have appointed the Elders to go from house to house, (each Elder in his own bounds) and present each object to the people at their own home.

These various plans have been attended with success, but the one which has most generally succeeded is that of presenting the objects in succession to the people by means of a subscription paper or book being passed around among the people by the ladies. (Signed) D. C. Shaw, A. Beard, D. L. Howell, } Com.

Reconsideration of a vote.

The action of Presbytery not sustaining the excuse of Rev. A. Sinclair for absence from this meeting of Presbytery was on motion reconsidered; and his reasons for absence were then sustained as satisfactory.

Shelby church organized.

Rev. Jesse Rankin reported that he had organized on the 19th day of Sept 1858 the church of Shelby in Cleveland county. This church was taken under the care of Presbytery and enrolled.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz; The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last annual sessions of the Synod of North Carolina report that they have examined them, and that they find the following things claiming the attention of Presbytery.

Report of Com. on the minutes of Synod.

1st On Page 18-20 are a series of resolutions concerning a Presbyterial committee on Colportage. In these resolutions each Presbytery is required to appoint a committee of three who shall take

the oversight of the work of colportage in its bounds.

In view of these resolutions we recommend that Presbytery nominate the appointees of the Synod as its committee; viz: Revs. T. Baker, Rev. C. D. Junkins and Ruling Elder, Wm. Murdock.

Your committee further recommend that this committee be required to report annually at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

On Pg 21st Synod recommends each Presbytery to take order on the subject of Systematic Benevolence. As Presbytery has already inaugurated this subject, your committee forbear to offer any further recommendations.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) J. Rumple, Com.
J. G. Ramsey,

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The examination of the candidates for licensure, viz: J. C. Alexander, and R. B. Anderson, was taken up.

J. C. Alexander and R. B. Anderson examined, and their examination sustained

R. B. Anderson read his lecture, and critical exercise which were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. was added to the standing committee on Theology.

Messrs J. C. Alexander, and R. B. Anderson, were examined on the Creed, Theology, Church History, the Sacraments, and Church Government.

It was Resolved - That the examination and various parts of trial of Mr. J. C. Alexander and Mr. R. B. Anderson, be, and they hereby are sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, and that Presbytery

will proceed to license them after repairing to the church.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Wm. C. Hunter, and Rev. J. Rankin, and Rev. R. H. Davis obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Mr. Wood accepts the calls from Tabor, Bethany, and Fifth creek.

Com. of arrangements.

Mr. Wm. A. Wood signified his willingness to accept the calls from Tabor, Bethany, and Fifth creek, churches, placed in his hands. A committee consisting of Rev. J. W. Erwin, J. A. Hill, and David Rickert was appointed to arrange the time and place of his ordination and installation.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the church.

After recess.

James C. Alexander, and R. B. Anderson licensed.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to license Mr. James C. Alexander, and Mr. R. B. Anderson. They were accordingly licensed according to the Form of our Book to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

Report of Com. to nominate Trustees for D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows viz: The committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College recommend that the following persons be appointed Trustees to serve for four years: viz: Revs. Messrs. A. B. Wilson, J. Rumple, Walter L. Pharr, R. H. Chapman, D.D.; Messrs. Daniel Clemens, J. J. Brevard, Dr. E. Kye Hutchison, J. H. Wilson, and Joseph R. Gillespie.

They also recommend that the Rev. Alexander Sinclair be appointed in the place of Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. resigned.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Com.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for the Female College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College presented their report, which was read and adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee to whom was

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submitted the duty of nominating Trustees for the Concord Female college would submit the following resolution:
Resolved—That the first class be reelected: viz: Rev. Walter W. Hoss, Mr. J. W. Stockton, and Mr. Thos. H. McRorie; and that D. L. B. Wood be elected to fill the vacancy in the 4th class.

(Signed) A. Baker, D. L. Rodes } Com.

The petition from the churches of Duncan's creek, Silver creek, and Unionville, was called up, and it was resolved that Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Silver creek on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock A.M. to ordain to the full work of the ministry John Curtis Stewart, if the way be open. Titus III. 8. was assigned Mr. Stewart as a text for his trial sermon. Rev. Jesse Rankin to preach the ordination sermon, preside, and propose the constitutional questions; Rev. J. N. Boyton to deliver the charge to the newly ordained Evangelist: Rev. G. D. Parks alternate to Rev. J. Rankin, and Rev. W. C. Shutz alternate to Rev. J. N. Boyton.

Arrangements for the ordination of J. C. Stewart.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Wm. A. Wood presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows: viz:

That Presbytery hold an adjourned meeting at the church of Bethany on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July at 11 o'clock A.M: That in the ordination services Rev. Walter W. Hoss preach the sermon and preside: that Rev. J. B. A. Wilson deliver the charge to the people, and that Rev. D. L. Rodes deliver the charge to the pastor. That Rev. J. H. Erwin be alternate to Rev. W. W. Hoss; Rev. A. Baker

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be alternate to Rev. J. B. A. Wilson; and Rev. E. D. Junkin be alternate to Rev. D. L. Rodes. John I. 29. was assigned Mr. Wood as a text for a trial sermon.

Parts of trial assigned R. J. Johnston.

The following parts of trial were assigned Mr. R. J. Johnston, a candidate under our care: viz: For Latin Exegesis, "Quid est peccatum in Spiritum Sanctum?" Critical Exercise, Rom. VIII. 12—17: Lecture—Matt. XI. 20-24: Popular Sermon Rev. V. 5, 6:

Funds ordered to be paid to Commissioners to Gen. Assy.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay $75.00 to each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Stated Clerk's account ordered to be paid.

The account of the Stated clerk was read, and the Treasurer was directed to pay the bill.

Report of Trustees of the Female college.

The Report of the Trustees of the Female College was presented, and read and is as follows: viz:

The Trustees of the Female College under the care of Concord Presbytery, in presenting their annual report—They feel truly grateful in being able to present so much that should encourage the Presbytery to thank God and take courage. It has pleased the great head of the church, who works when, where, and by what instrumentality he pleases, to grant to the Institution times of refreshing from his presence. On last year the revival began soon after the observance of the concert of prayer for colleges. Most if not all the young ladies connected with the Institution were more or less impressed. A large number were permitted through the sovereign grace of God to indulge a comfortable hope. A number have united with the church, and adorning as far as we know the good profession which they have made. The awakening this year began before the last Thursday in Feb. but impressions already made deepened by the exercises

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of that day. And impressions were made where none had been visible before. Such evidences of the divine goodness such marks of the divine favour - such tokens of the divine power - these have a tendency to encourage the heart, and strengthen the hands of God's people. The Trustees have and are now making some effort to put the Institution upon a permanent foundation, so as to raise it above future contingency. They think there are at least one hundred persons in the bounds of the Presbytery who would consecrate at least one hundred dollars to the great cause of christian Education, if they knew that the interest of the church, and the glory of God had need of it. There are some who have and who will give more. There are many who will give smaller amounts. In this way at least fifteen thousand dollars will be secured. This we think would be sufficient to meet all the necessary demands of the College, and raise it above all future contingencies. A success that is truly gratifying has thus far crowned the effort that has been made.

About six thousand have been secured by those who will give one hundred or more. We think that about eight thousand dollars have thus been secured to the college. But unless the Presbytery will co-operate with the Trustees - unless the ministers, Elders, and members of the church together with the friends of Education will come up to the help of the Institution the College may yet go out of the hands of the Presbytery and from under the control of our church. This would be

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a burning shame to our Presbytery. A standing reproach to the presbyterian population of North Carolina, and a great hinderance to the prosperity of our Zion.

We think that the institution will this year pay, at least, one thousand dollars over expenses. The Trustees have elected Rev. J. B. Watt to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Rev. S. B. O. Wilson. The places of the following Trustees are to be filled, viz: Rev. Walter W. Reed, W. Stockton, J. H. McRorie, and J. R. Simonton, resigned.

The Trustees most earnestly solicit the co-operation of the Presbytery, and the friends of Zion in securing for the Institution the necessary funds.

Resolved therefore 1st - That the Presbytery have heard with feelings of devout thankfulness of the evidences of the divine favor which rested during the past year upon the Female College under their care.

Resolved 2d - That the Presbytery recommend this Institution to the prayers, patronage, and liberality of the churches under its care until the funds necessary to raise the Institution above contingencies have been secured.

The paper from Mr. J. J. Johnston respecting Rocky creek was taken up and read.

The report of the committee to visit Rocky creek was taken up, the action of the committee ratified, and the committee discharged; the report is as follows: viz:

Report of com. to visit Rocky creek.

The committee appointed by Presbytery to visit Rocky creek Church, and to settle, if possible, the difficulties which

Report of com. to visit Rs creek church.

disturbed its harmony, and led to the Petition for the organization of a New Church, respectfully present the following Report.

The Resolution of Presbytery directed the committee to hold a protracted meeting before commencing the work assigned them, & as complied with. We had preaching on Friday and Saturday, and administered the Lords supper on the Sabbath preceding the day appointed for business. Your committee believe that this was a wise order of Presbytery, and that the preaching of the truth and administration of the Sacrament had a salutary influence in calming the bitterness of party spirit. The divided members of the church communed together, which they had not done for years before. On the 18th of Oct. the committee met for business with a full attendance of the congregation.

For a proper understanding of the case it may be necessary to give a brief statement of the origin and progress of the difficulties. The discord in the congregation commenced in the conflict between two Singing schools. From the young people the spirit of agitation spread to the older members of the community, until the whole congregation shared more or less in the excitement. As the beginning of strife is sometimes like the letting out of waters, the current of passion and prejudice seemed to roll on, until the congregation became divided into two parties, known as the upper and lower side.

The upper side having a few votes of a majority carried their measures in congregational meetings.

It is the lower side which sent to Presbytery the Petition for a New church, signed by over 60 members, for the building of which they had their subscriptions taken, and waited only the permission of Presbytery.

It may be well to state that the Elders of the church having at one time resolved to lock the house against both singing parties, became the objects of dissatisfaction.

We come now to the main act which seemed to perpetuate the agitation, and to constitute the chief difficulty in the way of reconciliation. On a certain day a congregational meeting was called with the purpose of voting out the old Elders and electing new ones. At the time appointed it was accordingly done.

The existing session, eight in number, were voted out without charges, without trial, and without their consent. It deserves remark that this casting out vote was given by considerably less than half the number which the church returns of regular members, and a fair proportion of these votes were proxies.

Our Form of Government expressly says, "The offices of Ruling Elder & Deacon are both perpetual, and cannot be laid aside at pleasure. No person can be divested of either office but by deposition." (Form of Government, Chap. XIII. Sec. 6.)

In 1790 the General Assembly decided as follows. "Resolved as the sense of this House, that no man or body of men agreeably to the constitution of this church, ought to be condemned or censured, without having notice of the accusation against him & the

and notice given for trial." (Digest. Page 323.)
In this case there was no formal accusation and of course no trial. In 1802 the Gen. Assembly distinctly affirmed it as the principle of the church, that no minister can be divested of his office except by a course of discipline. Digest. Page 68.
If a minister cannot be divested of his office without trial, much can an Elder or Deacon.
Our whole Form of Government regards it as a cardinal right to officers and members of the church to be fairly tried, before being condemned. Even in civil matters this right is regarded as essential to the first principles of freedom: and its subversion in church or state would lead to anarchy and discord.
The committee after a careful examination of the facts felt no hesitation in regarding this act of ejectment as utterly unconstitutional, and of course null and void.
This being true, they believed that they were justified in declaring that the former Elders against whom no charges had been tabled, and who had not resigned, constituted the regular session of the church.
Upon examination it was found that two vacancies had occurred, one by death, and one by removal.
After the subject was fully presented to the congregation three of the Elders requested permission to resign their official relation to the church, upon the ground that their ceasing to act might promote the harmony and unity of the congregation. This request having been explained, was unanimously granted. That this course was regular is shown by a decision of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia in 1772. This left

* Digest Page 311.

five vacancies to be filled to make the original number constituting the session. To secure a compromise which seemed to be fair and just to all concerned, it was proposed, that the "upper side" should have the privilege of nominating four persons to be voted for, and that the "lower side" having already three, who were supposed to sympathize with them, should have the privilege of nominating one person to be voted for. After due time for deliberation the nominations were thus made, and by a unanimous vote of the church the persons nominated were elected as Ruling Elders to fill the vacancies above specified. As the session now stands, each division of the congregation is represented by four Elders. May these and deserve, as we hope, the confidence of the church. Two Deacons were then elected to fill vacancies which had occurred, and by a unanimous vote, the congregation resolved to abide by the decisions they had made.

R. B. Anderson directed to visit vacant churches.

Mr. R. B. Anderson, Licentiate, was recommended to visit the vacant churches of the Presbytery between this and the next meeting of Presbytery, and that the committee of Domestic Missions remunerate him for his labors. Rev. D. A. Penick, Sd resigned his place as a member of the committee of Domestic Missions, and Rev. S. B. C. Wilson was appointed in his place.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Sd resigns his place on com. of Miss. and Rev. S. B. C. Wilson is appointed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Vote of thanks.

Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery be cordially tendered to the good people of Third creek congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during the present meeting, and that

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this resolution be read from the pulpit by the Pastor.

The Stated clerk was instructed to publish an abstract of the minutes in the North Carolina Presbyterian.

The minutes of to-day were read, corrected and approved.

The 342d Hymn was sung, and Presbytery adjourned to meet at Silver creek on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic Benediction.

James E. Morrison, Mod'r.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Revs. Messrs. Walter S. Pharr, Daniel Lindley, Thos. P. Johnston, Wm. H. Morrison, and J. J. Renick.

The following church sessions failed to be represented by a Ruling Elder: viz: Macpelah, Dallas, Wadesboro, Goshen, Rheims' creek, Evansdale, Hiawassee, Marion, Siloam, Drusilla, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Duncans creek, Long creek, Monroe, Hendersonville, Morganton, Ebenezer, Wilkesboro, Unity, (Rowan Co.), Franklin, (Rowan Co.), Philadelphia, Salem, Newton, Sandy Plains, and Shelby.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly.

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
Walter L. Pharr, P.	Ramah, P. &	Parks' Store, N.C.
	Mallard creek, S.S.	
R.H. Morrison, D.D., S.S.	Unity (Lincoln co.) & Macpelah, S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.
Stephen Frontis, W.C.	Thyatira, Vacant,	Deep Well, N.C.
Jesse Rankin, Evangelist	Lenoir, V.	Lenoir, N.C.
D.A. Penick, Sd. P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
Drury Lacy, D.D., Pres. S.S.	College Church, S.S.	Davidson College, N.C.
Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Monroe, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa
T.P. Johnston, Ag't A.B.C.F.M.	Dallas, V.	New Castle, Tenn.
Robert Burwell, S.S.	Paw creek, S.S.	Charlotte, N.C.
Jas. E. Morrison, D.M.	Wadesboro, S.S. & Lebanon, S.S.	Morven, N.C.
Jas. D. Hall, P.	Goshen, P. New Hope, S.S. & Olney, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.
S.B.O. Wilson, P.	Third creek, P.	Enola, N.C.
Wm. N. Morrison, W.C.	Wilkesboro, V.	Asheville, N.C.
A. Baker, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.
Wm. G. Campbell (on temporarily)	Rutherfordton & Little Britain, V.	Salisbury, N.C.
E.T. Rockwell, Prof.	Salem, V.	Davidson College, N.C.
R.H. Chapman, D.D.P.	Asheville, P.	Asheville, N.C.
J.C. McPherson, D.M.	Wiseasset, S.S.	Fort Hembree, N.C.
J.C. Curson, W.C.	Sandy Plains, V.	Mills River, N.C.
Wm. Graves, S.S.	Davidsons River, S.S.	Mills River, N.C.
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Fourth Creek, P.	Statesville, N.C.
J.N. Peyton, S.S.	Marion, S.S. &	Marion, N.C.
	Siloam, S.S.	

for the year closing April 18th 1859.

40 Ministers; and have under their care 67 Churches; 7 Licentiates; and 5 Candidates; viz:

Communicants: Added on Ex.	Communicants: Added on Cert.	Communicants: Colored Communicants	Communicants: Total of Communicants.	Baptisms: Adults.	Baptisms: Infants.	No. of Children in Sabbath Schools and Bible classes.	Funds Collected: D. Missions	F. Missions	Education	Pub.	Church Ex.	Rent	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
12	3	15	154		9		21	21	9			6	152	26
22	7	60	213	2	11		30	26	20			7	119	12
2		6	65		7		64	47	30	21	10	15		
7	2	32	150	2	7		7	9				8	1950	2
4			19	2			150					3	1500	
17	3	156	575	3	09	250	145	135	102	44	68	20	826	59
			23				88	70	40				132	00
			10											
			20											
			210											
			63									~~8~~	~~1000~~	~~850~~
17	4	30	293	1	24		35					10	1250	256
17	2	58	280	8	9	40	32	20	11	17		12	1085	
			10											
5	8	8	90		12	115	356	151	33	52	26	20	1820	1445
			130											
			30											
6	4		51	1	9	65	59	59			16	6	690	53
3	1		30		1	20	11	4					60	
			8											
			75											
20	8	21	161	4	9	120	44	91	835	8		60	1000	
3		1	23		4		34	13	11	12		10	230	
1		1	33		3		5	4	3	6		5	120	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.	Communicants. Added on Ex.	Added on Cert.	Colored Comm.	Total of Comm.	Baptisms. Adults	Infants	No. of Col'd children in Sabbath School connected with Church.	Funds Collected. Dom. Miss.	Frgn. Miss.	Educa.	Publ.	Colored Ev.	Poor.	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
J. B. Watt, P.	Steele creek, P. &	White Hall, S. C.	13	13	93	362	3	18	140	65	70	18	24		22	4007	31
	Pleasant Hill, P.		4	4	31	117	3	2	50	18	14			15		266	
R. N. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, & Long creek S. S.	Lincolnton, N. C.	5		10	125	1	3	60	15	10					400	
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N. C.	11	2	72	276	2	10	81	76	86	4	10		14	700	15
S. C. Pharr, L. L., P.	Hopewell, P.	Charlotte, N. C.	56	13	65	244	6	11		11	8	15	8	12	12	800	200
P. J. Penick, P.	Concord Town, P.	Concord, N. C.	17	4	17	162		12	193	86	70	44	25	22	14	574	75
James M. Walker, S. S.	Philadelphia, S. S.	Charlotte, N. C.	5		71	271		11							17	317	26
Wm. C. Shultz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N. C.	3	3	1	78		6	75	30	41	15	10		9	532	7
Wm. S. Moore, Tabet.	Franklin, P. elected. &	Franklin, N. C.	2	1		30	2	2	12	40	8		2	1	2	107	16
	Ebenezer, P. elected.		5		4	42	1	4		5		6	5			107	
T. W. Ervin, P.	Concord, P. &	Fancy Hill, N. C.	15	2	17	216	2	4		18	28	5		5		375	
	Shiloh, P.		4	1	11	43	4				9	100			3	360	2
S. C. Alexander, P.	Back creek, P.	Miranda, S. C.	30	4	76	167	12	23	25	28	15	6	8	6	10	320	7
E. D. Junkin, P.	Prospect, P. &	Davidson College, N. C.	10	1	51	280	4	21	40	62		4	14		5	306	
	Bethel, P.		1		10	58		4		33	51		9	13	6	335	26
R. S. Reid, P.	Unity, (Rowan co.) P. &	Rowan Mills, N. C.	21	4	16	95	10	4		6	10	4		5	5	300	
	Franklin, (Rowan co.) P. &		1	5	4	44	1	10			6				4	395	
	Joppa, S. S.			2	20	40			35	11	15				5	210	
G. D. Parks, L. M.	Hendersonville, S. S.	Hendersonville, N. C.				15											
A. Sinclair, P.	Charlotte, P. C.	Charlotte, N. C.	20	8	10	154	4	12	140	200	226	258		114	20	1500	140
Jethro Rumple, P.	Sharon, P. &	Sharon, N. C.	16	6	33	175	2	13	150	29	17	3	4		15	525	
	Providence, P.		7	2	56	166	4	24	51	52	31	6	4	6	20	278	
L. L. Stewart, L. M.	Swannanoa, S. S. & Rhems creek, S. S.	Asheville, N. C.				111											
D. A. Penick, P. L.	Poplar Tent, P.	Concord, N. C.	10	5	93	241	1	6		40	80	9	8	6	14	800	
Wm. W. Pharr, P. El.	Center, P. &	Coddle creek, N. C.	18	3	24	128	2	10		15	10	5	1	3	11	535	3
	Bethpage, P.		9	2	33	171	2	13		15	20	6			8	350	45

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
Licentiates – 7.		
James C. Rennedy,	Newton, V.	Statesville N. C.
Wm. A. Wood, Select	Bethany, Selected,	Rowan Mills, N. C.
	Tabor, Selected, &	
	Fifth creek, Selected.	
J. D. Wilson,	Bethesda, S. S.	Enola, N. C.
Wm. J. Hall,	Taylorsville, V.	
J. & C. Alexander,	Bethlehem, V.	Parks' Store, N. C.
Robt. B. Anderson,	Shelbyville, V.	Cottage Home, N. C.
J. Curtis Stevens, S. S.	Duncans' creek, S. S. &	
	Druella, S. S. ——— 17	
Candidates – 5.		

Communicants.				Baptisms			Funds Collected.								
Added on ex.	Added on Cert.	Colored com.	Total of Communicants.	Adults	Infants	No. of Children in the Sabbath Schools	1. Missions	2. Missions	Education	Pastor	Church Exp.	Poor	Congregational	Miscellaneous.	
			8												
5			100												
			55												
			51												
			86												
5	5	2	66	1	3	50	26	13	5		5		37		
			127												
			8												
			24												
			15												
419	132	1216	7114	70	371	710	1966	1499	1651	253	328	404	26067		2541

3 Licensures; 1 ordination; 3 Installations; 3 Pastoral Relations Dissolved; 3 Churches Organized; 1 Church Received from other Denominations; and 3 Ministers Received from other Denominations.

By order of Presbytery

April 18th 1859

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Silver Creek, Burke county, N. C.
Friday May 6th 1858.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment in Silver Creek Chapel, Burke Co at 11 o'clock, A.M. and was constituted with prayer. Present: Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Thomas N. Paxton, and Wm C. Shultz; Ruling Elder, Wm S. Moore.

Rev. Jesse Rankin having been previously appointed by Presbytery to preside, took the chair, and Wm C. Shultz was appointed clerk.

The object of the meeting being the ordination of Mr. John Curtis Stewart, it was Resolved - That Presbytery will now hear Mr Stewarts trial sermon, whereupon he preached from Titus III. 5; which subject had been assigned by Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to examine the candidate on experimental religion, his motives in seeking the ministry; the Greek language; Theology, Church Government, and the Sacraments. The examination was here arrested, and Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, May 7th 1858.
9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Thomas N. Paxton, and Wm C. Shultz.

The examination of Mr. Stewart was resumed on Church History, the various subjects of trial laid down in the Book having been taken up, and Presbytery being satisfied with the qualifications of the candidate, it was Resolved - That the

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ordination services take place to-day at 11 o'clock, A.M.
Presbytery took a recess of fifteen minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and after the sermon by the Moderator, and propounding the constitutional questions to the candidate, John Curtis Stewart was, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained as an Evangelist, to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

The charge was then delivered to the newly ordained evangelist by the Rev. Thomas N. Paxton: and Mr Stewart was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethany church, Iredell county, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July at 11 o'clock, A.M. Concluded with prayer.

Jesse Rankin, Mod't.
Wm C. Shultz, Tempory clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Bethany Church, Iredell Co. N. C.
Friday, July 22d 1859.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Rev. Walter W. Pharr was elected Moderator. Constituted with prayer. Rev. B. L. Kridel was chosen temporary clerk. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. S. B. O. Wilson,	Messrs. E. Rice,
Walter W. Pharr,	S. S. Trott,
A. Baker,	J. W. Alexander,
E. F. Rockwell,	J. R. Cochran,
J. A. Alexander,	J. F. Bell,
B. L. Kridel,	Sandy McKinley
W. W. Pharr.	J. L. Hill,
	N. Montgomery,
	M. L. Johnston,
	R. C. Wilson,
	M. M. Bailey.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of Mr. W. L. Wood. After sermon it was made the order of the day immediately after recess to hear the sermon of Mr. J. L. Hill Burkhead.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

~~After~~ Presbytery met, and heard the sermon of Mr. Burkhead.

A call was read from the church of Taylorsville for one half of the services of Mr. S. B. Wilson, promising $300.00. The call being in order was, on motion placed in his hands for consideration.

Rev. A. Baker asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Salisbury.

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Having given his reasons for making the request, the commission from the church was called on, who stated, that while the church of Salisbury with great reluctance consented to the relationship being dissolved, yet in view of the low state of Mr. Baker's health, they cordially united in the request. The request was then granted, and the church of Salisbury was declared vacant.

Rev. B. L. Kridel asked Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Franklin. Having heard the reasons for the request, and the commissioner from the church, the request was granted, and the church of Franklin was declared vacant.

Mr. J. L. Wilson having signified his willingness to accept the call placed in his hands, requested Presbytery to attend to his ordination at this meeting of Presbytery. It was Resolved That the proper place and time for his ordination would be in the church over which he will be pastor, and at the time of his installation.

Mr. Winslow B. Watts was introduced to Presbytery, and after an ~~ex~~ examination on experimental religion and his views for seeking the ministry, he was received as a candidate under the care of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of Mr. R. H. Caldwell.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and Mr. M. L. Johnston were appointed a committee to examine Mr. Watts on his Literary course.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of the candidate

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for ordination; after the examination on Church Government and the sacraments, it was moved that the parts of trial with the examination be sustained as satisfactory.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock for the ordination and installation services.

The Critical Exercises, and Latin Exegesis of Messrs. Burkhead and Caldwell were referred to a committee.

Presbytery then heard the Lectures of Messrs. Burkhead and Caldwell.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, July 23d 1859.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

The committee to examine Mr. Watts made their report, recommending that the examination be sustained. They also reported parts of trial for Mr. Watts as follows: Popular Sermon, Rom V. 1: Lecture - The Parable of the Prodigal Son. Critical Exercise Heb. VI. 4-6. Latin exegesis, "In Christus est verus Deus. The report was adopted.

Rev. A. Baker tendered his resignation as chairman of the committee on Colportage, which resignation was accepted. Rev. B. S. Rhodes was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. A. Baker tendered his resignation as agent of Foreign Missions, which was accepted, and Rev. S. C. Pharr, D.D. was appointed in his place.

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The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery heard the trial Sermon of Mr. R. H. Caldwell from Rom. VIII. 9: after which Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Messrs. Burkhead and Caldwell, on Church History, Theology.

The examination was arrested until after the ordination of Mr. Wood.

Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, and Mr. R. C. Wilson, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. J. D. Wilson.

Presbytery took a recess of ten minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to the ordination and installation services of Mr. Wood.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr preached the sermon, and presided. The constitutional questions being asked and answered in the affirmative, William A. Wood was, by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery solemnly ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed pastor of the Churches of Bethany - Fifth Creek and Tabor. Rev. B. S. Rhodes then delivered the charge to the newly ordained Pastor, and Rev. J. D. C. Wilson delivered the charge to the people.

The name of Rev. W. A. Wood was then ordered to be enrolled. Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met in the Church, and took a recess

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of five minutes to meet in the Session room.

The examination of Messrs. Burkhead and Caldwell was taken up and continued on Theology.

Examined on the Hebrew Language.

The examination was, on motion arrested.

It was Resolved. That the examination on Theology, Church History, and the Hebrew Language, together with all the parts of trial be sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will proceed to licensure then after reporting to the Church.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the Church.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the licensure of J. DeWitt Burkhead and R. H. Caldwell, who were accordingly licensed, in the ordinary way, to preach the gospel as ~~candidates~~ probationers for the holy ministry.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. J. C. Wilson presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Presbytery adjourn to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Taylorsville, Friday 11 o'clock, A. M. before the 4th Sabbath of August — and if the way be open ordain and install J. C. Wilson, pastor of said Church; Rev. S. B. O. Wilson ~~preach the sermon~~ preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor, Rev. B. L. Kreider, alternate; Rev. A. Baker preach the sermon, Rev. J. Rankin, alternate; Rev. Walter W. Hurt deliver the charge to the people; and Rev. W. A. Wood, alternate.

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Acts XIII. 39: assigned to candidate for ordination for trial sermon. (Signed) Wm W. Hurt, R. C. Wilson } Com.

The candidates just licensed, together with Mr. Anderson, were requested to preach in all the vacant churches, beginning at Salisbury.

A vote of thanks was returned to the good people of Bethany for their hospitality.

The minutes were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the town of Taylorsville on Friday before the 4th Sabbath of Aug. at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic Benediction.

Walter W. Hurt, Mod.r
B. L. Kreider, Temporary Clerk.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Taylorsville, N. C.
Friday, Aug. 26th 1859

Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and Rev. B. L. Kreider, being the only ministers of Concord Presbytery present, adjourned from time to time until Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, Aug. 27th 1859.

The Presbytery of Concord met and was opened with prayer. Present: Rev. Messrs. S. B. O. Wilson, B. L. Kreider, and Wm A. Wood: together with Messrs. Thos. Boyd, John Finley, and E. McClelland, Ruling Elders.

Taylorsville, Saturday, Aug. 27th 1858.

Rev. S. B. O. Wilson was chosen Moderator pro tem., and Rev W. A. Wood was appointed temporary clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of John Davis Wilson, the candidate for ordination. The prescribed subjects were taken up, and the examination throughout was sustained as satisfactory.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to hear the trial sermon of the candidate. Text prescribed by Presbytery.

It was Also Resolved, after hearing the sermon, that the ordination services take place at 3 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery took a recess till 3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the ordination services.

Rev. R. L. Rowland preached the sermon from John VIII. 32: Rev. S. B. O. Wilson presided, and proposed the constitutional questions to the candidate, and the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, John Davis Wilson was, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the full work of the holy ministry, after which Rev. S. B. O. Wilson delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev Wm A. Wood delivered the charge to the people.

It was ordered that the name of Rev. John D. Wilson be enrolled as a regular member of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Mills River, Henderson co. N. C. on Friday, Sept. 9th 1858, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer.

S. B. O. Wilson, Mod't.
Wm. A. Wood, Clerk.

Wilmington, Nov 4th 1857

Examined & approved this part

Signed J. K. Nash
Moderator
of Synod

Mills River, Henderson County, N. C.
Friday, Sept. 9th 1858
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. D. Lacy, D. D., the last Moderator present, from Luke XIV. 22: And "the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet "there is room". Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin,	Messrs. Wm. McGinnis,
Drury Lacy, D. D.,	W. B. Parks,
James D. Hall,	J. W. Moore,
S. B. O. Wilson,	C. L. Hunter,
E. F. Rockwell,	J. A. Shaw,
R. H. Chapman, D. D.,	James McNair,
Wm. N. Morrison,	R. G. Paxton,
Walter W. Shaw,	Moses White,
Thos. N. Paxton,	J. B. Rankin,
Jas. B. Watt,	J. C. Cannon,
R. N. Davis,	R. McPherson,
J. C. Shaw, D. D.,	A. W. Morrison,

Ministers	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. Wm. S. Moore,	Messrs. Robert Burgan,
J.W. Erwin,	J.B. Miller,
S.C. Alexander,	Wm Erwin,
E.D. Junkin,	S.A. Torrence,
B.S. Brisbin,	Henderson Query,
G.D. Parks,	A. Fuller,
A. Sinclair,	G.C. Sellars,
J. Rumple,	Fielding Watts,
Leander S. Stewart,	J. Rumple,
D.A. Penick, Jr,	John Hart,
Wm W. Thaw,	J.W. Bennett,
John C. Carson,	Thos Brown,
Wm Graves,	J.H. Bell,
John Curtis Stewart,	George Orr,
W.A. Wood,	~~A. Bryan~~.
John D. Wilson,	

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs A. Sinclair for Moderator, and Revs Wm A. Wood and Col. J.B. Rankin, temporary clerks.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting were read. The reading of the minutes was suspended, and Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met and proceeded with the unfinished business; viz: reading the minutes.

Members appointed to perform missionary labor report.

Members appointed to spend a Sabbath or a week in the different vacant churches and missionary fields were called on to report whether they had discharged this duty: when it appeared that

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these appointments had been fulfilled only in part. The excuses of those who failed partially or altogether were sustained.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Mr. Hood of the Union Presbytery (N.S.), and Rev. N. Shotwell of Huntingdon Presbytery, Pa. being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Members assigns reasons for absence.

Rev. Wm A. Morrison was called on to assign reasons for absence from the last semi-annual meeting of Presbytery. His excuse being given was under the circumstances sustained.

Churches not represented in last semi-annual meeting called on for reasons.

Churches not represented in the last semi-annual meeting of Presbytery were called on to assign reasons why they were not represented, which (with exceptions) were sustained.

Committees appointed.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz:

On Devotional Exercises - Revs. Messrs R.W. Chapman, D.D., G.D. Parks, and Ruling Elder, Col. A. Fuller.

On Supplies - Revs. Messrs. Walter W. Thaw, S.C. Alexander, and C.S. Hunter, M.D.

On the Minutes of Gen. Assembly - Revs. Messrs Drury Lacy, D.D., L.B.D. Wilson, and Ruling Elder, Joseph A. Thaw.

Judicial Committee - Revs. Messrs. S.C. Thaw, D.D., J.B. Watt, and Ruling Elder, J.W. Moore.

To prepare a Narrative for Synod - Revs. Messrs. E.D. Junkin, J. Rumple, and Ruling Elder, J. Rumple.

Rev N. Shotwell received from Huntingdon Presbytery.

Rev Nathan Shotwell presented a letter of dismission from Huntingdon Presbytery cordially recommending him to Concord Presbytery: Whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and his examination being sustained as highly satisfactory Rev Nathan Shotwell was received as a member of this Presbytery, and his name enrolled.

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Com. to revise Standing Rules.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D. D. Alexander Sinclair and R. H. Lafferty were appointed a committee to revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery and report a new series of Rules to the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Calls from the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain for the pastoral services of Rev. N. Wodrell were read and placed in his hands for consideration. The terms of these calls Rutherfordton church promises a salary of $500.00 and Little Brittain church promises $250.00.

Wm. Thomas Hall dismissed to Bethel Pres.

A letter was received and read from William Thomas Hall, a Licentiate under our care, asking to be dismissed from this Presbytery in order to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel. This request was granted, and he was accordingly dismissed.

Candidate presents his Latin Exegesis.

Mr. Wm. Macon Coleman, one of our candidates for the ministry, presented his Latin Exegesis: Whereupon it was referred to the committee on Languages for examination.

Letter from Rev. S. Frontis.

A letter was received and read from Rev. S. Frontis assigning reasons for absence from this meeting of Presbytery, and stating that the duties enjoined by Presbytery at its last semi-annual meeting had been attended to. His reasons for absence were sustained.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning to hand in Reports on the state of religion in the different churches.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Berryan, Ruling Elder from Shannanoa church appeared in Presbytery, and was called on for testimony. His excuse, under the circumstances, was sustained.

Report of Board of Trustees of Davidson College.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College was presented, read and received, and is as follows; viz:

Report of the Committee of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College to the Presbytery of Concord.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to prepare a report on the moral, religious and financial condition of the college, respectfully presents to the Presbytery of Concord the following Report for the last collegiate year ending the 14th day of July 1859. The whole number of students, who have been matriculated during the year is one hundred and twelve (112) and were distributed in the different classes as follows: viz:

Senior class	16;
Junior class	21;
Sophomore class	25;
Freshman class	47;
Irregulars	3
Total	112.

The semi-annual examinations at the close of the first term in February, and those at the close of the second term have occupied about the usual time of such exercises, and were attended by the Faculty and by a few members of the examining committee. The final examination of the Senior class took place, as the law requires five weeks before, attended by the Faculty and one member of the examining committee. These examinations were, as usual, full, strict and impartial, and afforded the most gratifying evidences of the fidelity of the Faculty, and the proficiency of the students.

The deportment of the students on the whole, has been very commendable, but few cases of discipline, and those of the lighter kind, having been found necessary, and the amount of study performed respectable. The regular exercises of College have

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been interrupted by sickness more during the past year than in any former period, and with deep interest and solemnity, we report the death of two of our students, Vanness R. Sinclair of the Freshman class, and Alexander M. Berry of the Senior class, and also of Mrs. Sarah W. Fishburn, wife of Prof. Fishburn. Of these persons we rejoice to say they were decided christians, and we trust, have exchanged this world for a better.

The committee record with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church a season of marked religious interest in the months of Feb. and March, when 12 or 15 students obtained the hope of having passed from death unto life, 9 of whom connected themselves with the College church at the communion on the last Sabbath in May: the remainder expecting to connect themselves during the vacation with the churches of their parents and kindred. ✓

The following gentlemen; viz: Armistead Burwell, Risten Bennet Eddy, James Porter Graham, John Joseph Kennedy, W. Sterling Lacy, James Bingley Lanneau, James Dalrymple McIver, Archibald Scott McLauchlin, Joseph Hill McPherson, John Martin Philip Otts, Edmund Martin Seales, William Banks Thompson, and John Franklin Watson, having completed the course of studies prescribed, and sustained approved examinations, had the degree of "Bachelor of Arts" conferred upon them.

The religious exercises of the institution are very much the same, as those that have been in use for several years past, namely, public worship every Sabbath forenoon, conducted by the Chaplain. Bible classes in the afternoon

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conducted by the several members of the Faculty, and a Lecture and prayer meeting on Wednesday evening of each week. The two former services are attended by all the students as a College Exercise in compliance with the laws. The attendance on the Wednesday evening services is entirely voluntary, at which there have been generally present about 60 or 70 students. Besides these exercises, the students, have, of their own accord, regularly kept up a daily prayer meeting for 18 months, at which there has been an average attendance of 45 in times of ordinary interest but for two months or more in Feb. and March the number increased to an average of 65 or 70. These meetings were regularly attended to the close of the scholastic year.

The committee in view of the resignation of Prof. D. H. Hill cannot permit the occasion to pass without bearing their united testimony to the ability and fidelity with which he has discharged the duties of his Professorship.

Capt. C. L. Kingsbury of the army of the U. S. has been unanimously elected, at the late meeting of the Board to fill his place. ✓

From the Treasurers Report it appears that there have been received from all sources from July 1858 to July 1859 — — — — — — — — — — — — $82.712 15—

And that there have been expended in the same time $ 75.624.82—

Leaving balance due College in the Treasurers hands $ 7.087.33—

The funds of the College in the hands of the Treasurer as per report consist as follows— Charlotte and S.C.R.R. 7 per cent Bonds — — — — — — — — — — — — $5.000.00—

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Cape Fear Bank Stock 200 shares	$20.000.00
Wilmington and Manchester R.R. 7 per cent Bonds	70.000.00
Wilmington and Manchester R.R. 7 per cent Bonds	20.000.00
Individual Bonds	11.941.00
Bonds on hand	$126.941.00
Balance cash in Treasurers hands	7.087.33
Total	$134.027.33

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) Drury Lacy, Chairman.

Rev. N. Shotwell accepts the calls from Rutherfordton and Little Brittain.

Rev. N. Shotwell signified his willingness to accept the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain; whereupon Revs. Messrs. J. Rankin, N. Shotwell, and Mr. J. B. Miller, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. N. Shotwell over these churches.

Commissioners to Gen. Assembly report.

Revs. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D. and S. C. Alexander, our commissioners to the General Assembly made their reports.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Reports on the state of religion in the different churches were handed in.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

Rev. S. C. Alexander requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Back creek. A letter was received and read from the congregation of Back creek containing Resolutions adopted by the congregation uniting with the pastor in asking the relation to be dissolved. The request was granted, and Rev. Jesse Rankin was appointed to visit said church and declare it vacant.

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Calls accepted.

Rev. J. W. Erwin expressed his willingness to accept of the calls, from Concord and Mount Olivet churches in Fairfield District, S.C, placed in his hands by Presbytery at the last semi-annual meeting, and asked that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Concord and Shiloh might be dissolved.

The churches were then heard - Shiloh by letter, and Concord through its Elders.

After some discussion a committee was appointed to report as to the time and place for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery to take into consideration the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. W. Erwin and the churches of Concord and Shiloh.

Rev. Jesse Rankin requested Presbytery to specify an hour when he should make his report, if a report was desired. It was resolved that the Evangelist be now heard - Whereupon Rev. Jesse Rankin presented a verbal report.

Evangelist re-elected.

Rev. Jesse Rankin was re-elected Evangelist for this Presbytery for the year 1860.

Report of Com. on Devotional Exercises.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on devotional services recommend that it be the order of the day to observe a season of Presbyterial devotional services this afternoon at 3 o'clock and that the following be the order:

1st Invocation by the Moderator.

2d Psalmody by Rev. Wm. L. Moore.

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3d Reading the Scriptures by Rev. E. F. Rockwell:
4th Prayer by Rev J. Rumple:
5th Address by Rev. N. Shotwell:
6th Redemedy by Rev J. A. Hall:
7th Prayer by Rev D Lacy, D.D.:
8th Benediction by the Moderator.

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Rev Jethro Rumple, Treasurer, presented a report which was received, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes: it is as follows, viz:

Mills Rivers Church, Henderson Co.
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Report of Treasurer.

In obedience to a Resolution of Presbytery, I wrote letters, soliciting payment of this assessment for Commissioners fund for 1858 to the following delinquent Churches; viz: College Church, Brevilla, Duncans Creek, Ebenezer, Franklin, (Rowan Co), Goshen, Hendersonville, Hickory Tree, Lincolnton, Little Brittain, Long creek, Monroe, New Hope, Rheims' creek, Rutherfordton, Salem, Swannanoa, and Wadesboro.

Since that time I have received by remittance and otherwise the sums due from the following churches; viz: Monroe, Rutherfordton, Hendersonville, Wadesboro, College Church, Swannanoa, Ebenezer, Little Brittain, and Long Creek. The following churches have not yet made payment: viz: Brevilla, Duncans' creek, Franklin, Goshen, Hickory Tree, Lincolnton, New Hope (unpaid for), Rheims' creek, and Salem, leaving the sum $34.00 unpaid.

Your Treasurer would suggest that Presbytery take some further action to secure payment from the delinquent Churches.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) J. Rumple.

Report of com. on the minutes of the Gen. Assy.

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The committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly presented their Report which was read, and each resolution considered and adopted seperately. The report was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows; viz:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly report that they find the following items worthy of the attention of Presbytery; viz: On page 515th of said minutes, the 3d Resolution of the Assembly on the proceedings of the committee on Church Extension contains a sentiment which we think this Presbytery should adopt in substance in the following resolutions; viz:

1st Resolution. That all the churches under the care of this Presbytery, which are still in debt for their house of worship, be urged to make strenuous efforts for removing this stumbling block, in order that their liberality towards new and feeble churches and other objects of benevolence, be not hindered.

On page 518th of General Assembly's Minutes the committee appointed by the Assembly on the Board of Foreign Missions call the attention of the churches to the subject of interesting, and training the children of the church in this great work.

In responding to the voice of the Assembly, and to second its action, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution; viz:

2d Resolved. That this Presbytery urge upon all Pastors and Ruling Elders through out bounds, to instruct the baptized members in their respective congregations in regard to

their obligations in this matter, as members of the church; and upon parents that they endeavour to train their children in the habitual discharge of these duties. And as a means of effecting this end, your Committee recommend the subjoined resolution:

3d. That this Presbytery especially commend the "Home and Foreign Record" to a more general patronage of the churches under its charge - trusting that in its diligent perusal the members of our communion might catch more of the spirit of missions and of christian benevolence so richly pervading its columns: and also the "Sabbath school visitor" as a most excellent Publication to be circulated through our Sabbath Schools, and among the children of our charge.

On page 524th of the Minutes the Assembly appointed the last Thursday of Feb. 1860 as a day of special prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the rising generation and especially the baptized youth of the church, the officers and students of Colleges, Academies, and all institutions of learning in our own, and in foreign lands, and earnestly recommend that it be faithfully observed throughout our Zion.

4th. Resolved. That this Presbytery adopt the foregoing resolution as its own.

On page 535th of the Minutes the committee of Bills and Overtures (No. 15th) after a brief but able preamble, call the attention of the Presbyteries (by an appended resolution of the Assembly) to the extensive and increasing dese-

-cration of the Sabbath, and to the means of its better observance. On this great and important subject your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution; viz:

5th - Resolved - That this Presbytery solemnly enjoin upon every pastor and stated supply within its bounds to preach at least one sermon on the authority and sacredness of the Lord's day before the next meeting of Presbytery; and moreover, earnestly recommend to them to distribute well written Books or tracts, particularly the Tracts on this subject from the polished and powerful pen of the late Dr. Edwards, to the end that in all our families and among all our members, a better observance of the Lord's day may be secured.

There is another subject, which though not distinctly set forth by the late Assembly, your committee beg leave to bring before Presbytery; viz: the religious instruction of our Slaves. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution -

Resolved - That this Presbytery urge upon all its pastors - sessions and stated supplies, and upon the private members of our churches, the diligent and faithful instruction of our Slaves in all the duties of religion - not only by the public ministrations of the Gospel from the pulpit, but also by Sabbath Schools - catechetical and Bible classes, and family instruction at morning and evening prayers.

(Signed) D. Lacy, chairman.

Place and time of next meeting of Presbytery.

Were Resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Steele Creek, Mecklenburg County, N.C. on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in April 1860, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

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Report of agent of Foreign Missions

The agent Rev. A. Baker presented his report of Foreign Missions which was read, and referred to an auditing committee consisting of Rev. Messrs E. F. Rockwell, Walter W. Thorn, and J. B. Miller.

Report of com. on Supplies.

The committee on supplies presented their report which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

Committee on Supplies submit to the consideration of Presbytery the following Report that

R. H. Lafferty and Alexander Sinclair spend one week in Monroe and Union county and administer the Lords Supper

S. C. Alexander and J. B. Watt spend one week in Gaston and administer the Lords supper in Dallas.

S. C. Thorn, J. E. and E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath each at Salem.

N. Chisholm administers the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Long Plain.

D. D. Penick, and S. C. Alexander, administer the Sacrament of the Lords Supper at Franklin (Rowan County)

Wm. W. Ware, and R. H. Caldwell, one Sabbath each at Concord church.

D. D. Penick, Jr and J. Burkhead one Sabbath each at Shiloh church.

Stephen Frontis one Sabbath at Bethesda.

J. B. A. Brown and R. B. Anderson, administer the Lords supper at Beck creek.

James A. Wilkes and R. H. Caldwell, administer the Lords Supper at Bethlehem.

R. A. Davis and D. Morrison administer the Lords supper at Shelby.

B. L. Rhodes and R. B. Anderson, administer the Lords supper at Joppa.

D. D. Penick, Jr and S. C. Alexander administer the Lords supper at Salisbury.

(Signed) W. W. Thorn, S. C. Alexander, E. F. Hunter. } Com.

Report laid over.

Papers No 1. Report of the committee on the Sessional records of the church of Concord Iredell, which was laid over from the last meeting, was

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again laid over until the next stated annual meeting of Presbytery.

Report of com. fixing time for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to fix the time for an adjourned meeting of Presbytery presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz: Your committee would recommend that the Presbytery would hold an adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Statesville on Friday before the first Sabbath of Oct at 3 o'clock. P. M. to consider the dissolution of the pastoral relationship that now exists between J. W. Erwin and the church of Concord, and that this Presbytery issue a citation for the church to appear by their delegates to show reasons why (if they have any) the pastoral relationship should not be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed J. W. Erwin, Chairman of com.

Report of com. to examine Exegesis of W. H. Coleman.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegesis of Mr W. H. Coleman presented their report, stating that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and recommend that this Exegesis be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was adopted.

Letter from Shiloh laid over.

It was Resolved That the Letter from Shiloh church be laid over till the adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Statesville.

Judicial com. report no business.

The Judicial committee reported that no business had been placed in their hands. His report was accepted, and the committee discharged.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Messrs L. L. Stewart and John C. Steward obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Mr H. Kelly resigns as Trustee in Female College. D. A. Davis appointed.

Mr H. Kelly tendered his resignation as Trustee of the Concord Female College which was accepted, and D. A. Davis, Esq. was appointed in his place. The Stated Clerk was instructed to inform Mr Davis of his appointment.

Leave of absence granted.

The Rev. Wm. N. Morrison, and Rev. B. L. Rhodes, obtained leave

of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Treasurer of Publication report.

Presbytery met. The Treasurer of the Board of Publication presented his report which was received, and was referred together with his book to an auditing committee.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative for Synod presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz:

Narrative.

The committee to which the various narratives in the churches were referred to prepare a report to Synod would respectfully report as follows:

The Presbytery of Concord would report to Synod on the state of religion within its bounds; that the past year has not been marked by any special and general manifestation of the presence of the Spirit of God among the churches under its care. But whilst this is true there are many things stated in the reports from the various churches which make it evident that God has been blessing the means of grace in the upbuilding of the churches. The attendence upon the preaching of the word has been good. Sabbath schools, and Bible classes are more generally maintained than formerly; social prayer meetings have been kept up where formerly they did not exist, and have been largely attended. Several new church buildings have been erected. Increased contributions to the various objects of benevolence show that the people of God are coming up to the proper estimate of their duty in this regard.

More attention has been paid to the instruction of the colored people. And in at least two of our churches, College church and Rocky

River church, there have been refreshing revivals of religion. At Davidson College a daily prayer-meeting is maintained by the students themselves, in addition to the regular weekly prayer-meeting.

Whilst we mention these marks of encouragement we also must mention that many of the churches report a prevailing worldly mindedness and a want of the spirit of prayer.

Most of the churches under the care of this Presbytery are now supplied with the regular preaching of the word. An enlarged representation of our churches at Presbytery by their Elders shows a more healthy condition of our churches.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) E.D. Junkin, J. Rumple, Joseph Rumple } Com.

Com. to install Rev. W. L. Moore over Franklin and Ebenezer.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Wm L. Moore over the churches of Franklin and Ebenezer reported that they had failed to discharge the duty assigned them through misunderstanding as to the time. It was resolved that a new committee be appointed to attend to this duty; and that the former committee be discharged; Whereupon it was Resolved. That the installation of Rev. Wm L. Moore over the churches of Franklin and Ebenezer take place, over the united charge at Franklin church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct. And that in this service Rev. N. Shotwell preach the sermon, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor; and Rev. John C. Stewart deliver the charge to the people. Rev. J. C. Carson alternate to Rev. N. Shotwell, and Rev. Wm L. Morrison alternate to Rev. J. C. Stewart.

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Report of com. to audit the book of treasurer of Publication.

The committee appointed to audit the Book and report of Rev. E. D. Jenkin, Treasurer of Board of Publication reported that they had attended to this duty, and recommend that they be approved. This report was adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of auditing com.

The committee which was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find that he has received and disbursed the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Twenty seven 27/100 Dollars, for which he has the proper vouchers, and that there is no balance remaining in the Treasury; all which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Hard, J. B. Miller } Com.

These papers were ordered to be placed in the hands of Rev. S. C. Hard, D.D. Presbytery's Agent for Foreign Missions.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. N. Stockwell over the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain presented this report which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

Arrangements for installation of Rev. N. Stockwell over the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain.

The committee to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. N. Stockwell recommend that Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. preach the sermon, preside, propose the constitutional questions, and delivers the charge to the pastor, and that Rev. S. C. Hard, D.D. delivers the charge to the people; that Rev. G. D. Parks be alternate to Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D., and Rev. Walter W. Hard be alternate to Rev.

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S. C. Hard, D.D. The installation to take place at Rutherfordton on the 2d Sabbath in Oct. and at Little Brittain on Tuesday following.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. Rankin, Chairman of Com.

Stated clerk to forward an abstract of minutes to N. C. P.

The Stated clerk of Presbytery was directed to forward an Abstract of the minutes of this meeting of Presbytery to the North Carolina Presbyterian for publication as soon as possible.

Vote of thanks.

It was Resolved - That the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the members and friends of Mills River church for their kindness and attention to the members of Presbytery during its sessions at said church.

Com. to assess the churches.

A committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. Jethro Rumple, Jesse Rankin, and E. Skye Hutchison, M. D. was appointed to re-assess the churches for the Commissioners Fund.

The hour having arrived for the devotional exercises, Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet at the Stand.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and attended to the Devotional Exercises of Presbytery.

Memorial for the organization of a church.

A memorial from members of Davidson River church was presented to Presbytery asking to be organized into a separate church to be known as the Mills River church. The prayer of this memorial was granted, and a committee consisting of Revs. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D., G. D. Parks, and Mr. A. J. Summey, was appointed to organize said church.

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: ~~Concord~~, ~~Unity (Cleveland)~~, Charlotte, College church, Hopewell, Dallas, Wadesboro, Lenoir, Goshen, New Hope, Third

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creek, Swannanoa, Pea creek, Salisbury, Hiwassee, Enoville, Lebanon, ~~Little Britain~~, Duncan's creek, Lincolnton, Monroe, Concord Town, Morganton, Franklin (Macon co), Hyatt's and Back creek, Wilkesboro, Unity (Rowan co), Franklin, Bethlehem, Taylorsville, Salem, Bethesda, Newton, Sandy Plains, and Shelby.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Statesville on Friday before the first Sabbath in Oct. at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Alexander Sinclair, Mod'r
W. A. Wood. } Temporary clerks.
J. B. Rankin }

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Revs. Messrs. Wallace S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison, D.D., D. A. Penick, D.D., Daniel Lindley, Thos. F. Johnston, Robert Burwell, James E. Morrison, Archibald Baker, John E. McPherson, R. H. Lafferty, F. J. Reid, James M. Walker, Wm. C. Sherrill. —

Statesville, N. C.
Friday, Sept. 31st 1859.
3 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Present Revs. Messrs. J. B. Wilson, Walter W. Pharr, R. N. Davis, and Wm. W. Pharr. Ruling Elders Messrs. Fielding Watts, from Concord church, M. E. Caldwell from Rimrod church, J. F. Bell from Fourth creek church, and J. A. McClelland from Shiloh church.

The Moderator being absent Rev. R. N. Davis was chosen Moderator and Rev. Wm. W. Pharr temporary clerk.

Presbytery took into consideration the request of Rev. J. W. Cowan referred to this meeting asking for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Concord and Shiloh.

The congregation of Concord not being constitutionally cited to appear before Presbytery — It was Resolved That the congregation of Concord be regularly cited to appear before Presbytery during the meeting of Synod at Wilmington in Nov. to show reasons if any they have why the pastoral relation should not be dissolved.

Mr. Fielding Watts was appointed to have the citation read before the congregation on the 2d Sabbath in Oct.

A letter was received and read from Rev. W. S. Pharr asking Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Ramah; and the congregation uniting with him in this request, it was granted, and said church was declared vacant. Presbytery adjourned, to meet in Wilmington, during the meeting of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

R. N. Davis, Mod'r
Wm. W. Pharr temporary clerk.

Statistical Report of Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1859.

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of 44 Ministers, and have under their care 67 Churches, 5 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates; that on the 19th day of Sept. 1858, they organized the church of Shelby; that on the 22d day of Feb. 1859, they dismissed Rev. H. B. Cunningham, D.D. with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Charleston S.C.; that on the 14th day of April, 1859, they dismissed J. A. Bard, a Licentiate under our care, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the same day they received under their care, as a Licentiate, John Curtis Stewart from the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day Frontis Moore Johnston, a Licentiate under our care, was dismissed, to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 15th day of April, 1859, they received as members, Revs. John C. Carson and Rev. William Graves, from Union Presbytery (N.S.); that on the same day they dismissed Rev. Wm. G. Campbell with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.; that on the 16th day of April, 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. S. C. Alexander and the church of Thyatira, and declared said church vacant; that on the 18th day of April, 1859, they licensed James C. Alexander, and R. B. Anderson, to preach the Gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry; that on the 1st day of May, 1859, they ordained to the full work of the Ministry as an Evangelist, John Curtis Stewart; that on the 22d day of July, 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. A. Baker and the church of Salisbury, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between

the Rev. D. S. Rowland and the church of Franklin, (Macon Co.) and declared said church vacant; that on the 23d day of July 1859, they ordained to the full work of the Ministry, William A. Wood, and installed him pastor over the united churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek; that on the same day they licensed J. DeWitt Burkhead and R. McAdden to preach the Gospel as probationers for the Holy Ministry; that on the 18th day of August, 1859, they organized the church of Beulah; that on the 27th day of Aug. 1859, they ordained to the full work of the Ministry John Davies Wilson, and installed him pastor over the church of Taylorsville; that on the 8th day of Sept. 1859, they received as a member Rev. Nathan Shotwell, from the Presbytery of Huntingdon, Pa.; that on the same day they dismissed William Thomas Hall, a licentiate under our care, with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Bethel, S.C.; that on the 10th day of Sept. 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. S. C. Alexander and the church of Beck creek, and declared said church vacant; that on the 20th day of Sept. 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between Rev. Walter W. Hurt and the church of Ramah, and declared said church vacant; that on the 9th day of Oct. 1859, they installed Rev. Nathan Shotwell over the church of Rutherfordton; that on the 11th day of Oct. 1859, they installed Rev. Nathan Shotwell over the church of Little Britain; and that on the 22d day of Oct. 1859, they installed Rev. William A. Moore over the united churches of Franklin (Macon Co.) and Ebenezer.

By order of Presbytery

R. H. Saffold, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N.C.
Nov. 1st 1859.

At Meeting of Synod.

Wilmington, N. C.

Nov. 3d 1858. 12 o'clock, M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment & at the call of Rev. J. E. Morrison, the last Moderator present, and was constituted with prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sr., R. Burwell, S. B. O. Wilson, Walter W. Hoge, Thos. N. Sexton, J. B. Watt, J. E. Morrison, S. C. Hoge, D.D., T. J. Penick, S. C. Alexander, E. D. Junkin, J. Rumple, and J. Davies Wilson — Ruling Elders: Messrs. A. J. York, R. M. Roseboro, T. A. Allison, James H. Greenlee, John Hart, A. A. Caldwell, E. Slice, and J. R. B. Adams, M. D.

J. Davies Wilson was appointed temporary clerk.

Pastoral relation dissolved.

The unfinished business of Presbytery was taken up; viz: the request of the Rev. J. W. Erwin for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Concord and Shiloh. Shiloh church united in the request, and also Concord by communications presented to Presbytery; whereupon the request was granted, Rev. Walter W. Hoge was appointed to visit the church of Shiloh, and Rev. S. C. Alexander the church of Concord, preach, and declare those churches vacant. Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess.

Rev. J. W. Erwin dismissed to Bethel.

Presbytery met Nov. 5th 1858 at the call of the Moderator. Rev. S. B. O. Wilson presented the request of Rev. J. W. Erwin to be dismissed with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Bethel. His request was granted and the Stated clerk was ordered to furnish Rev. J. W. Erwin with Letter of Dismission.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Steele creek, Mecklenburg co. N. C. on Thursday, April 12th 1860 at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

J. E. Morrison, Mod.
J. Davies Wilson, temporary clerk.

"Pro re nata" meeting.

Charlotte, N. C.

Thursday, Dec. 15th 1859.

11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to a call given by the Moderator in a circular letter, and was opened by prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. Stephen Frontis, W. S. Hoge, J. C. Hall, J. B. Watt, R. H. Lafferty, R. Burwell, A. Sinclair, S. C. Hoge, D.D., and J. Rumple — Ruling Elders Messrs. C. J. Alexander, Sharon church, D. A. Davis, Salisbury ch., David Parks, Charlotte ch., Robert Henderson, Hopewell ch., Wm. Veitchison, Mallard creek ch., Henderson Query, Sugar creek ch., J. W. Reid, New Hope, ch., Mr. Parks, Ramah ch.

The Moderator read the letter which led him to call this meeting, being a request of the church of Salisbury to translate Rev. S. C. Hoge, D.D. from his present pastoral charge, Hopewell, to that of Salisbury.

A call from the church of Salisbury for the pastoral services of Rev. S. C. Hoge, D.D. was presented and read, & Mr. D. A. Davis and A. Alexander Long, Commissioners from the church of Salisbury were heard in behalf of the church which they represented. The amount promised in this call was $2,200—

Mr. Robert Henderson was heard in behalf of Hopewell church protesting against the removal of their pastor, Rev. S. C. Hoge, D.D.

The Commissioners from Salisbury church were again heard.

The call was placed in the hands of Rev. S. C. Hoge for consideration.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. W. S. Rhea obtained leave of absence.

Rev. S. C. Rhea, D. D. was called on to answer whether he accepted the call placed in his hands; Whereupon he replied that the question was an embarrassing one to him, and if required to give an answer at this meeting, he would feel constrained to decline accepting the call, but expressed the wish that Presbytery would decide this question for him.

In view of these statements the commissioners asked permission to withdraw the call, which was granted, and the call was accordingly returned to the church of Salisbury.

Presbytery having concluded the business for which it was convened adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

Alexander Sinclair, Mod't.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

"Pro re nata" meeting.

Charlotte, N. C.
Friday, Jan. 13th 1860.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the special call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. J. B. Hall, R. H. Lafferty, A. Sinclair, T. J. Pinick, and D. A. Brack, M.; Ruling Elders Messrs. H. C. Fite, Goshen chh., R. F. Bennett, Sugar creek, chh.; C. J. Alexander, Sharon chh.; R. W. Allison, Concord Town chh.; and Richard Thomason, Franklin chh. (Rowan co.).

The object of the meeting, as set forth in the call, was stated; viz: To consider the

request of Rev. T. J. Pinick, that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Concord Town might be dissolved, and that he might be dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Roanoke, Va.

Rev. T. J. Pinick laid these requests before Presbytery, and the church of Concord Town uniting with him in the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, it was granted, and the church declared vacant; and Rev. T. J. Pinick was dismissed, at his own request, with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Roanoke, Va.

Presbytery adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

Alexander Sinclair, Mod't.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Steele creek church, Mecklenburg Co. N. C.
Thursday, April 12th 1860.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. A. Sinclair from Matt. XVI. 18: "And I say unto thee, That thou art "Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates "of hell shall not prevail against it." Constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D.,	Messrs. R. H. Garrison,
Jesse Rankin,	G. M. Beckler,
T. J. Pinick, Sr.,	James W. Moore,
Robert Burwell,	M. L. Johnston,

Ministers.	Ruling Elders.
Rev. Messrs. James E. Morrison,	Messrs. J. M. Black,
James L. Hall,	T. W. Sparrow,
E. F. Rockwell,	J. F. Harry,
R. H. Chapman, D.D.,	W. R. Holland,
Walter W. Pharr,	Ephraim Friday,
Thos. N. Sexton,	Angus McGougan,
James B. Watt,	James Harper,
R. N. Davis,	David Rhine,
R. H. Lafferty,	J. W. Craig,
S. C. Pharr, D.D.,	G. F. Campbell,
Wm. C. Shultz,	J. F. Summey,
Wm. S. Moore,	Wm. Murdock,
E. D. Junkin,	Theophilus Cannon,
B. S. Reid,	James McFarland,
G. L. Parks,	A. B. Long,
Alexander Sinclair,	A. McRoy,
Jethro Rumple,	J. J. Price,
D. A. Penick, Jr.,	James M. Caldwell,
Wm. A. Wood,	Victor C. Berringer,
S. B. O. Wilson.	W. M. D. Howard,
	Fielding Watts,
	J. R. Graham,
	Wm. King,
	James L. Andrews,
	S. J. Berryhill,
	J. Wolf,
	J. C. Ford,
	S. J. Scott,
	Wm. Maxwell,
	J. M. Russell,
	Thomas Brown,
	Edmund M. Neely,
	E. B. Stimson,
	D. Phifer.

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Election of officers. Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. G. L. Parks for Moderator, and Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr., and E. B. Stimson for temporary clerks. The Moderator elect took the chair.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Reading of the minutes. Presbytery met. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, of the two adjourned meetings, and of the two "pro re nata" meetings were read, corrected, and approved.

How appointed to supply vacant churches called on. Those appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to report whether they had discharged the duty assigned them, when it was ascertained that this duty had been fulfilled only in part.

Appointment of Treasurer. Mr. M. L. Johnston was appointed to receive all moneys for Education and Church Extension, in the absence of the Treasurer, E. Ky. Hutchison, M.D.

Church sessions called on. Church Sessions which failed to be represented in the last semi-annual meeting of Presbytery were called on to assign why they were not represented.

Absentees called on. Absentees from the last semi-annual meeting were called on for their reasons for absence, which being rendered, were sustained as satisfactory.

Corresponding members. Rev. J. C. Chalmers of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A member appears in Pres. Rev. Wm. W. Pharr appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

The reading of the Standing Rules was postponed.

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Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to hand in Sessional Records and Statistical Reports.

Letter from Rev. A. Baker.

A letter was received from Rev. A. Baker asking to be dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Florida. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Rev. A. Baker dismissed to Florida Pres.

Letter from Rev. T. Lacy, D.D.

A letter was received from Rev. T. Lacy, D.D. assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. Thos. P. Johnston dismissed to the Pres. of Chickasaw.

A letter was received from Rev. Thos. P. Johnston asking to be dismissed from this Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw. This request was granted, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with a letter of dismission.

Papers from Mills River referred.

A papers from Mills River church was laid before Presbytery, and referred to the Domestic Missionary Committee.

Call from Long creek for Rev. R. N. Davis.

A call from the church of Long Creek for one half the ministerial services of Rev. R. N. Davis, promising $300.00, was presented to Presbytery, and being found in order was placed in his hands for consideration.

Calls from Bethesda, Back creek and Joppa for Mr. R. B. Anderson.

Calls from the churches, Bethesda, Back creek, and Joppa for the pastoral services of Mr. R. B. Anderson, each promising $300.00 for one half of his time, were laid before Presbytery, and being in order they were placed in his hands for consideration.

A member appears in Pres.

Rev. N. Shotwell appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Order of the day.

It was made the 2d order of the day for to-morrow to hear the Lectures of our Candidates, Messrs. Winslow B. Watts and R. Jones Johnston.

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Call from Ebenezer church for Rev. B. S. Rhodes.

A call from the church of Ebenezer for the pastoral services of Rev. B. S. Rhodes, promising $500.00 for two thirds of his time, was laid before Presbytery, and being in order it was placed in his hands for consideration.

Call accepted and com. of commonts appointed.

Rev. B. S. Rhodes signified his willingness to accept this call, whereupon Rev. B. S. Rhodes and J. K. Graham were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his installation.

Petition from Dallas asking for preaching.

A petition was received from the church of Dallas asking for more preaching, which was read and referred to the Domestic Missionary committee.

Stated Clerk tenders his resignation. Laid over till to-morrow.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty tendered his resignation as Stated Clerk.

It was moved that this resignation be received, and then it was moved that this motion be laid upon the table until to-morrow morning.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery met, and it was Resolved - That Presbytery engage in devotional exercises for half an hour.

The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz;

On Sessional Records.

Mallard Creek and Ramah - Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and B. H. Garrison.

Unity (Lincoln co.) and Macpelah - Rev. Jno. Renkin and J. M. Oakley.

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Charlotte and College church – Rev. A. Pinnick, Sr. and J. W. Moore.
Rocky River and Hopewell – Rev. R. Burwell, and M. D. Johnston.
Olney, Dallas, Goshen, and New Hope – Rev. J. E. Morrison, and J. M. Black.
Wadesboro, Lebanon, and Lenoir – Rev. J. D. Hall, and J. W. Harris.
Third creek, Rheims creek, and Swannanoa – Rev. E. F. Rockwell and J. F. Harry.
Davidson creek, Asheville, and Salisbury – Rev. J. M. Payton, and Angus McLaurin.
Hiwassee, Marion, and Tyler Dist. – Rev. C. D. Junkin, and James Harper.
Bethpage and Centre – Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. and W. R. Holland.
Siloam, Troutdale, Duncans creek, and Rutherfordton – Rev. J. D. Witt, and Ephraim Friday.
Little Britain, Lincolnton, Long creek, and Monroe – Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and J. W. Craig.
Sugaw creek, Concord Town, and Hendersonville – Rev. R. N. Davis, and David Rhine.
Morganton, Franklin (Macon Co.), Ebenezer, and Concord – Rev. J. C. Rhea, D. D. and G. F. Campbell.
Shiloh, Thyatira, and Back creek – Rev. Wm. C. Shertz, and E. F. Summey.
Prospect, Bethel, Bethany, and Tabor – Rev. Wm. S. Moore, and William Murdock.
Fifth creek, Steele creek, and Pleasant Hill – Rev. W. W. Hart, and Theophilus Cannon.
Wilkesboro, Taylorsville, Sharon, and Providence – Rev. B. L. Rhodes and James McFarland.
Unity (Rowan Co.), Franklin, (Rowan Co.), Philadelphia, and Bethlehem – Rev. Sinclair, and A. Long.
Joppa, Bethesda, Newton, Salem, and Fourth creek – Rev. J. Rumple, and J. J. Price.

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Sandy Plains, Shelby, and Davidson River – Rev. Wm. A. Wood, and Fielding Watts.

Committee on Devotional Exercises – Rev. Messrs. J. B. Watt, J. Hall, and A. J. Berryhill.

Committee on Supplies – Rev. Jesse Rankin, Rev. B. L. Rhodes and James Harper.

Committee to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion for the General Assembly – Rev. S. R. C. Wilson, Rev. J. C. Rhea, D. D. and E. F. Summey.

Judicial Committee – Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. and V. C. Berringer.

Committee on the Minutes of Synod – Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Rev. C. D. Junkin, and M. D. Johnston.

Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College – Rev. Wm. W. Hart, Rev. Jesse Rankin, and V. C. Berringer.

Committee to nominate Trustees for the Concord Female College – Rev. B. L. Rhodes, Rev. R. N. Davis, and Wm. Murdock.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell obtained leave of absence after to-day.

Order of the Day attended to.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the handing in of sessional records, this business was attended to.

Auditing Com.

Rev. J. Rumple, and Mr. John Wolf, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Statistical Reports from the churches were handed in.

Report on Domestic Missions.

Presbytery proceeded to the standing order of the day, viz: To hear the report of the committee on Domestic Missions – Remarks were made by the chairman, the Treasurer, and the Evangelists.

Corresponding Members.

Rev. C. D. Betts of the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

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Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the old church.

After recess.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres. — Presbytery met. C. L. Hunter, M. D. Ruling Elder from the church of Macpelah appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Instructions to the com. of D. Missions. — It was Resolved - That the committee of Domestic Missions be requested and enjoined to present a full written report to Presbytery annually.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell tendered his resignation as Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell was unanimously requested to withdraw his resignation.

Com. to examine Latin Exegesis and critical Exercise. — Revs. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, and L. B. O. Wilson, and Mr. M. D. Johnston were appointed a committee to examine the Latin Exegesis and Critical Exercise of W. B. Watts, and R. J. Johnston.

Report of Com. on Poplar Tent Sessional Records. — The committee appointed to examine the Sessional Records of the church of Poplar Tent presented their report, which was accepted and is as follows; viz: The committee on the Sessional Records of Poplar Tent church report that they have examined and find them well kept, and recommend their approval. The Book has not been fully payed. At a meeting of the session held on July 31st 1859 the following preamble and resolution were adopted, which seem to be intended for Presbytery, and which are as follows; viz;

"The case of J. B. Moss, who married his
"deceased wifes niece, and of Sarah R. Harris, who married her de-
"ceased Aunts husband, both of whom were members of this church -
"Whereupon after much consideration it was Resolved -
"That inasmuch as this is a very unusual case, the session do ask the advice
"of Presbytery, not because the session wish to shrink from duty, but from a sincere
"desire to be instructed as to what is the proper course to pursue":

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In report of Com. see page 445. — The foregoing request was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. Rev. Jesse Rankin, and W. C. Barrington.

Order of the day. — It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock to hear the reports of committees on sessional records.

Letter of excuse from Rev. W. L. Pharr. — A letter was received from Rev. W. L. Pharr assigning reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, and tendering his resignation as Trustee in Davidson College. Here reasons were regarded as satisfactory, and his resignation was accepted.

R. H. Sefferty withdraws his resignation. — The resignation of Rev. R. H. Sefferty as Stated Clerk, was taken up, when it was unanimously Resolved - That Rev. R. H. Sefferty be and he hereby is earnestly requested to withdraw his resignation as Stated Clerk. Whereupon he expressed his willingness to comply with the wish of Presbytery and accordingly withdrew his resignation.

Stated Clerk's Salary increased. — It was Resolved - That the Salary of the Stated clerk be increased from $25.00 to $50.00 [illegible]

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess

Report of com. to audit the books of Treasurer of D. M. — Presbytery met. The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the same as far as the payments from Bethpage church $25.75 cts. April 12th 1860, and the draft paid Rev. J. E. Morrison $50.00 dated Jan. 30th 1860. they find them regularly kept, - the payments sustained by proper vouchers, and a balance now in his hands of $986.69 cts. (Signed) J. Recomple } Com.
John Wolf. }

Auditing com. appointed on Treasurer's accounts. — The Treasurer of Presbytery presented his report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. W. C. Sheetz and W. M. D. Howard.

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Report of com. to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz; The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College would report the names of Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, J. L. Wall, G. D. Parks, B. S. Roides, Messrs. Jas. W. Osborne, Wm. S. Harris, C. L. Hunter, M. D. James G. Ramsay, M. D. and Maj. D. H. Hill to serve for four years. Also Rev. S. C. Shaw, D. D. in place of Rev. W. S. Shaw resigned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) W. W. Shaw
Jesse Rankin,
Victor Barringer,
} Com.

Report of com. to nominate Trustees for Female College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female Seminary at Statesville presented their report which was adopted and is as follows: viz: Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, B. S. Roides and Col. Thos. F. Allison be re-elected to serve for the term of four years. Rev. R. H. Lafferty be elected in the place of Rev. A. Baker removed, and Mr. W. C. Berringer in the place of A. B. Wood, M. D. (Signed) B. S. Roides,
R. N. Davis.
} Com.

Standing Rules.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to revise the Standing Rules of Presbytery presented their report, which was accepted amended and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

I. Resolved - That this Presbytery deems it dutiful to devote more of the time of its sessions after the example of our General Assembly in devising ways and means for the promotion and extension of the Redeemers kingdom; and with a view of securing this increased attention, the following shall be the appointed times to hear reports of agents, and committees who may have in charge the several objects of christian benevolent enterprise, together with the addresses

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that may be delivered by persons designated by the agents.

1. Domestic Missions 2d day of Spring session at 11 o'clock, A. M.
2. Foreign " " " " Fall " " " " " "
3. Education 3d day of Spring session at 11 o'clock, A. M.
4. Publication " " " Fall " " " " " "

II. Resolved. That this Presbytery, whatever may have been its course in past years, cannot consent to the dissolution of the Pastoral relation, in any case, unless the reasons for that dissolution shall have been fully laid before Presbytery, that an opportunity may be given for a deliberate judgment, in view of all the facts and reasons in the case.

III. Permanent committees to examine candidates on the different branches of study shall be the following; viz:

Hebrew - Rev. Messrs. S. C. Shaw, D. D. Alexander Sinclair, Jethro Rumple, John L. Wilson, and S. C. Alexander.

Greek and Latin - Rev. Messrs. S. B. O. Wilson, J. E. Morrison, J. L. Wall, John C. Carson, Leander L. Stewart, Robert Burwell, and Wm. Graves.

Sciences - Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, C. D. Junkin, Wm. S. Moore, J. B. Watt, N. Shotwell, Drury Lacy, D. D., and G. D. Parks.

Theology - Rev. Messrs. Walter L. Shaw, D. A. Penick, Sr, Stephen Frontis, and R. H. Chapman, D. D.

Ecclesiastical History - Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D, Walter W. Shaw, R. N. Davis, Wm. C. Shertz, Wm. W. Shaw, and Wm. A. Wood.

Church Government - Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Thomas N. Paxton, R. H. Lafferty, Wm. N. Morrison, B. S. Roides, D. A. Penick, Jr, and John C. Stewart.

IV. Resolved - That the Stated Clerk shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College the names of the members of the Board immediately after election.

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V. Resolved. That each church session be enjoined to aid and encourage the great and benevolent enterprises of the church, and make a record of their action, and report in writing to the spring sessions of Presbytery in accordance with the form of statistical tables as recommended by the General Assembly, accompanying this report with a statement of the fidelity and punctuality with which they discharge the duties which they owe their pastor, and the amount which they contribute for his temporal support.

VI. Resolved - That each Pastor, Stated supply, and session be held as chargeable with a neglect of duty, who may fail to bring to the view of their people the great objects of benevolent christian enterprize with a view to contributions as embraced in the foregoing resolution and recommendation of the Assembly.

VII. Resolved - That the session of a vacant church, when receiving a Presbyterial supply, should embrace the privilege and duty of having the attention of their congregation directed in favor of some one of the benevolent enterprises in which the church is engaged.

VIII. Resolved - That all church sessions, which fail to hand in a statistical report at the spring meeting of Presbytery, send their report to the Stated Clerk as soon afterwards as possible.

IX. Resolved - That Presbytery will hereafter require from all the Ministers under its care, a report as to the discharge of their pastoral duties, and the success of their labors among their people.

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X. Resolved. That whenever any minister of Presbytery is removed by death, a special committee shall be appointed to prepare an outline of his life and character, to report at a subsequent meeting of Presbytery, and to be kept in a book to be procured for that purpose.

XI. Resolved - That hereafter it be a standing rule whenever a call is ordered to be placed in the hands of the minister called, the sum specified in the call be made a matter of record.

XII. Resolved - That it be a standing Rule of this Presbytery, that when any church within our bounds, which has had the gospel preached unto them for more than one year by the same minister, that said church and the Stated Supply be called upon at the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery to give the reasons why the necessary steps for constituting the Pastoral relation have not been taken.

XIII. Resolved 1st - That each church session entitled to a representation be enjoined, not only to elect a Delegate for each semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, but also to enter the name of the Delegate, both Principal, and Alternate as chosen, on its records.

2d - That the Presbytery earnestly enjoin it on the several church sessions to hold their Delegates to a strict accountability for their regular and punctual attendance on the Presbytery, and to censure them for a failure, on insufficient grounds to discharge this important duty.

3d - That it shall be the duty of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to make out a roll of the Churches, and in the organization of this body, after calling the list of Ministers, he shall proceed to call the Roll of the Churches, and that the Ruling Elder, when the church by whose session he has been elected, is called, shall himself announce his name

to be enrolled as a members of Presbytery; and that the Stated clerk shall report all churches for which Delegates fail to appear.

4th. That the Presbytery will hold to strict responsibility all church sessions neglecting to comply with the requirements of these 1st and 2d Resolutions.

XIV. Resolved—That all the congregations under the care of Presbytery be enjoined to pay the expenses incurred by their Pastors, or Stated supplies, and Elders, in attending the sessions of Synod and Presbytery.

XV. Resolved—That it be a Standing Rule of this Presbytery, that our Commissioners to the General Assembly shall be required to report to the Presbytery at its fall meeting the amount of their expenses to the Assembly, and the Treasurer of Presbytery shall settle with them for the same.

XVI. Resolved—That it be a Standing Rule of Presbytery, that when a member of this body assigns reasons for absence from the sessions of Presbytery, and these reasons are not sustained as satisfactory, they may at his request be spread upon the minutes.

XVII. Resolved—That these Standing Rules be read at every semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Report of com. to examine Min. of Synod's and Critical Exercise of Messrs. Watts & Johnston.

The committee appointed to examine the parts of trial of Messrs. W. B. Watts and R. J. Johnston, presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to examine the Critical Exercise of Mr. R. J. Johnston and the Exegesis of Mr. W. B. Watts, beg leave to report that they have attended to that duty, and recommend that they be sustained, and approved as parts of trial. (Signed) E. F. Rockwell, S. B. A. Wilson, M. D. Johnston, } Com.

Election of Commissioners to Gen. Assy.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Messrs. W. S. Moore, and Jethro Rumple, Principals, and Rev. Messrs. Watts & Rhea and J. B. Watt, Alternates— Ruling Elders, Messrs. M. D. Johnston, and W. D. Caldwell, Principals, and Messrs. J. H. Greenlee, and Sandy McKinley Alternates. Mr. J. H. Witt Brookhead, a licentiate, was dismissed to place himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina.

Report of com. on minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows viz:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and would offer the following Resolutions; viz:

1. Resolved—That Presbytery concurring in the Resolution of Synod (page 21) do earnestly recommend to the churches to adopt measures for paying the expenses of their delegates to the meetings of Presbytery and Synod.

2. Resolved—That the Stated clerk be recommended to observe the request in the Resolution of Synod, viz: that he deposit with the Librarian of the Presbyterian Historical Society at Philadelphia, and also with the Librarian of Davidson College copies of the Minutes of Presbytery when published. (Signed) E. F. Rockwell, M. D. Johnston, } Com.

Place and time of next meeting of Presbty.

It was Resolved—That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Unity (Lincoln co.) N. C. on Thursday, Oct 18th 1860, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. A. B. Long, and James McFarland, Ruling Elders from the churches of Little Britain and Duncan's creek obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Auditing com.

Messrs. P. C. Berringer, and M. D. Johnston, were appointed a

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committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Education and Church Extension. ✓

The committee appointed at the last semi-annual meeting to re-assess the churches presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of Com. to re-assess the churches.

The committee appointed to examine the list of assessments for Commissioners Fund and other Presbyterial expenses of Concord Presbytery, and endeavor faithfully to apportion the amount necessary to meet expenses among the different congregations, according to their several pecuniary resources, have carefully considered the subject, and beg leave to present the following Report, viz:

Assessment of Churches for Commissioners Fund:

Churches.	Old assessment.	New assessment.	Churches.	Old assessment.	New assessment.
	$	$		$	$
Asheville,	6.00	10.00	Brusilla,	2.00	1.00
Back creek,	8.00	12.00	Duncans creek,	3.00	4.00
Bethany,	7.00	8.00	Ebenezer,	3.00	3.00
Bethel,	6.00	10.00	Fifth creek,	4.00	4.00
Bethesda,	5.00	7.00	Fourth creek,	10.00	21.00
Bethlehem,	5.00	3.00	Franklin (Macon co.)	2.00	2.00
Bethpage,	7.00	8.00	Franklin, (Rowan co)	4.00	6.00
Beulah,	1.00	1.00	Goshen,	5.00	8.00
Centre,	10.00	15.00	Hendersonville,	2.00	3.00
Charlotte,	20.00	40.00	Hiwassee,	3.00	3.00
College Church,	7.00	10.00	Hopewell,	14.00	21.00
Concord,	12.00	12.00	Joppa,	5.00	4.00
Concord Town,	14.00	20.00	Lebanon,	4.00	6.00
Dallas,	3.00	3.00	Lincoln,	3.00	4.00
Davidsons River,		5.00	Lincolnton,	6.00	6.00

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Churches.	Old assessment.	New assessment.	Churches.	Old assessment.	New assessment.
	$	$		$	$
Long creek,	4.00	6.00	Rutherfordton,	4.00	5.00
Little Brittain,	5.00	8.00	Salem,	4.00	1.00
Machpelah,	5.00	8.00	Salisbury,	20.00	31.00
Mallard creek,	7.00	12.00	Sandy Plains,		1.00
Marion,	4.00	4.00	Sharon,	8.00	12.00
Mills River,		5.00	Shelby,		1.00
Monroe,	2.00	1.00	Shiloh,	3.00	5.00
Morganton,	8.00	10.00	Siloam,	4.00	4.00
New Hope,	7.00	11.00	Steele creek,	14.00	21.00
Newton,		2.00	Sugar creek,	14.00	21.00
Olney,	3.00	5.00	Swannanoa,	4.00	4.00
Paw creek,	6.00	11.00	Tabor,	7.00	8.00
Philadelphia,	8.00	12.00	Taylorsville,	3.00	5.00
Pleasant Hill,	7.00	10.00	Third creek,	14.00	21.00
Poplar Tent,	14.00	21.00	Thyatira,	8.00	12.00
Prospect,	10.00	21.00	Unity (Lincoln co)	10.00	15.00
Providence,	8.00	12.00	Unity (Rowan co)	5.00	8.00
Ramah,	6.00	8.00	Wadesboro,	3.00	3.00
Rheim's creek,	4.00	2.00	Wilkesboro,	2.00	2.00
Rocky River,	21.00	31.00	Total	$437.00	$644.00

(Signed) J. Rumple, E. Nye Hutchison, Jesse Rankin. } Comm.

Leave of absence granted.

Mr. Theophalus Cannon, Ruling Elder from the church of Poplar Tent obtained leave of absence from the sessions of Presbytery after this evening.

It was reported to Presbytery that a new church had been

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Beulah Church organized.

Beulah Church organized in Cherokee County by the name of Beulah on the 18th day of August 1858. This Church was taken under the care of Presbytery, and its name entered upon the roll.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Order of the day.

It was made the 2d order of the day to take up the report of the committee on the sessional records of the Church of Concord Town laid over from last meeting.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to hear the Lectures of Messrs. W. R. Watts, and R. Z. Johnston.

Com. to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence.

Revs. Messrs. E. D. Junkin, and Wm. S. Moore, were appointed a committee to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence for the General Assembly.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. T. M. Reesel, and J. M. Caldwell, Ruling Elders, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Report of com. on devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional exercises presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully submit the following report—We recommend, 1st That the Presbytery immediately on convening each morning during its sessions, spend half an hour in Devotional Exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

2d That the stated devotional exercises be in the following order:

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1st Psalmody by Rev. D. A. Penick, 2d Prayer by Rev. Thomas A. Sexton: 3d Reading the scriptures by Rev. S. B. O. Wilson: 4th Address by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.: 5th Prayer by Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D.: 6th Psalmody by Rev. W. A. Wood: 7th Benediction by the Moderator: these exercises to take place this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Report of committee on sessional records.

The committees on sessional Records presented their reports, which were adopted, and the exceptions ordered to be spread upon the records to which exceptions were taken. Exceptions were taken to the Records of Unity (Lincoln Co.), Third Creek, Long Creek, Lincolnton, Paw Creek, Salisbury, Fifth Creek, Providence, Unity (Rowan Co.)

Corresponding member.

Rev. J. M. Anderson of Bethel Presbytery being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Education and Church Extension presented their reports, which were adopted, and are as follows, viz:

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Report of auditing Com.

At the sessions of Concord Presbytery held at the above mentioned time and place, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of E. Nye Hutchison, Treasurer of the Board of Education. They respectfully report that, having discharged the duty assigned them, they find in his hands, in notes and interest thereon, to this date, in the Bank, the sum of Eight Hundred and Twenty nine 29/100 Dollars—and that his accounts are correctly kept.

(Signed) W. C. Barringer, } Com.
M. D. Johnston. }

April 14th 1860. Steele Creek Church.

Report of auditing Com.

At the session of Concord Presbytery held at the above named time and place, the undersigned, appointed a committee to audit the

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accounts of E. Nye Hutchison, Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, Report, that, having discharged the duty assigned them, they find in his hands, to this date, in notes and interest thereon, the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty two 4/100 Dollars ($952.4 cts), and that the accounts are correctly kept. (Signed) P. C. Barringer, M. D. Johnston, } Com.

Report of com. on Education.

The committee on Education reported that they had no report to make on this subject.

The 2d order of the day was postponed to be taken up immediately after Devotional Exercises this afternoon.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs P. C. Barringer, Wm Maxwell, John Wolf, J. K. Graham, Wm Murdock, and Rev. W. A. Wood, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening. ✓

The committee appointed on Supplies for vacant churches, presented their report, which was amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz; The committee on Supplies would submit the following report; viz:

Supplies.

Rev. W. A. Wood spend one Sabbath at Rockville.
Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr spend one Sabbath each at Buck creek and Bethside.
Rev. Walter W. Pharr spend one Sabbath each at Concord and Shiloh.
Rev. J. D. Wilson preach at Salem afternoons, and spend one Sabbath at Jefferson.
Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr one week in Stanly county.
Rev. S. B. C. Wilson one Sabbath each at Franklin, Jefferson, and Ashe county.
Rev. Messrs. A. Sinclair, and R. H. Lafferty, each one Sabbath in Monroe.
Rev. R. H. Lafferty supply Rev. J. Rumple's pulpit one Sabbath in his absence to the General Assembly.

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Rev. R. H. Caldwell supply Rev. J. Rumple's pulpit one Sabbath in his absence to the General Assembly.
Rev. Wm N. Morrison spend two Sabbaths at Flat creek.
Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. one Sabbath at the Warm Springs.
Rev. Messrs. R. N. Davis, D. C. Shaw, D.D, and J. C. Stewart, each one Sabbath at Shelby.
Rev. Messrs. N. Shotwell, and J. C. Carson, each one Sabbath at Sandy Plains.
Rev. L. L. Stewart one Sabbath at Burnsville.
Rev. Messrs. J. B. Watt, J. D. Hall, and R. H. Morrison, D.D. each one Sabbath at Dallas.
Rev. Wm S. Moore one Sabbath in Cherokee.
Rev. Stephen Frontis one Sabbath at Franklin.
Rev. E. D. Junkin one Sabbath in Bethlehem.
All Brethren not specified in the above appointments will spend one week in some missionary ground or vacant church in reach.
In all cases the brother supplying a vacant church to spend two or three days in connexion with the Sabbath if practicable, and administer the Lords Supper if desired and proper.

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, B. S. Rhodes, James Harper, } Com.

Members appears in Pres.

Rev. John D. Wilson appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Messrs. Watts and Johnston delivered their Lectures.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived Presbytery heard the Lectures of Messrs Watts and Johnston.

Presbytery reconsidered the motion making it the order of the day immediately after devotional exercises to take up the

report of the committee on the sessional records of the church of Concord Town, and resolved to take up this report at once. The report was read, and pending its discussion, the hour for recess arrived. Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee to prepare a Narrative for the General Assembly presented their report which was adopted, and it was ordered that a copy of it be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows; viz:

Narrative on the state of religion.

In presenting our annual narrative we would gratefully acknowledge the gracious dealings of God with us.

The ordinances of the gospel have been widely dispensed, and the uniform testimony of God's messengers is that large congregations have given solemn attention to the word spoken. Additions have been made to nearly every church whose report has reached us, showing the Saviours presence with his Church. Increasing interest has been manifested in the instruction of the young in Sabbath Schools, and a deeper concern for their efficiency and success in training the rising generation for the Master's service. More attention has been given to the instruction of our colored people in connection with Sabbath Schools, as well as by the preaching specially appointed for them, and the increasing ~~intelligence~~ fidelity of masters and mistresses is seen in the increasing intelligence of their servants, and in the stores of sacred truths and hymns (on which that race take special delight) that have been garnered in their minds. The increasing number of colored members, in some of our churches calling for

increased accommodations, reveals the blessing of God upon their labors.

Some advance has been made by our churches in regularly and conscientiously contributing to the Lords cause. In some portions of our territory the cause of temperance has made decided progress. The Sabbath is observed with, we hope, increasing reverence and solemnity.

But the whole garden does not bloom as Eden, nor yield the sweet fruits of righteousness. Many churches mourn over the small additions to their communion; over the prevalence of worldly amusements and fashionable follies, a love of show and pomp widely at variance with the simplicity of the gospel, and spirituality of heart that becometh strangers and pilgrims to a heavenly home.

Intemperance still slaughters multitudes on every side and many sit unmoved by every agency God hath ordained for their salvation. We feel called upon to humble ourselves more deeply while we nerve our souls more zealously for the service of the Lord that at his coming we may be found "watching".

(Signed) S. B. O. Wilson,
S. C. Pharr,
D. F. Summey,
} Com.

The committee on Disabled Ministers' Fund presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of Com. on Fund for Disabled Ministers.

The Treasurer of your committee for the Fund for disabled Ministers would beg leave to submit the following report, and at the same time to bring before the notice of Presbytery the very few of the churches that have complied with the direction of this body; although every Minister and church session was notified of

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that direction by letter and by publication in the North Carolina Presbyterian. The receipts are as follows:

From Asheville Church	$19.30	From Centre Church	$7.05
" Marion "	9.00	" Steele creek "	8.50
" Providence "	6.70	" Charlotte "	41.50
" Unity "	15.00	" Morganton "	2.50
" Mackpelah "	4.25	" Lenoir "	7.81
" Sharon "	9.23	" Sugar creek "	7.50

Amount on hand $188.33 cts.

The Treasurer would earnestly recommend that the importance of this christian charity be impressed upon every congregation, and their aid earnestly sought in behalf of the unfortunate of our church. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. F. Summey.

An amendment to the assessment of the churches. See pages 446 & 447.

The committee appointed to re-assess the churches offered an amendment to their previous report, which was adopted and is as follows: viz: Recommended that the following amendment be made to the list of new assessments

Concord diminished from	$15.00	to		$12.00
Salem " "	5.00	"		1.00
Fourth creek increased from	15.00	to		20.00
Ramah reduced "	10.00	"		8.00
Morganton " "	12.00	"		10.00
Bethany " "	10.00	"		8.00
Isbon " "	10.00	"		8.00
Bethesda " "	8.00	"		7.00
Waxhaws " "	5.00	"		3.00
Prospect increased from	15.00	"		20.00
Taylorville " "	3.00	"		5.00

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The hour for the order of the day having arrived; viz; the devotional exercises, this duty was attended to.

The committee of Domestic Missions had leave to retire for 15 minutes.

Rev. R. N. Davis accepts the call from Long Creek church.

Rev. R. N. Davis expressed his willingness to accept the call from Long Creek church: Whereupon the following arrangements were made for his installation. Rev. J. D. Hall preside, propose the constitutional questions, and give the charge to the pastor Rev. Wm. C. Shertz preach the installation sermon, and give the charge to the people.

Report of com. on the records of Concord Town Church.

Presbytery took up the unfinished business; viz: the report of the committee on the sessional Records of the church of Concord Town. Mr. V. C. Berring moved an amendment to the report which was adopted. The report as amended was adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the session of Concord Town Church. It is as follows: viz: The committee appointed to examine the sessional records of the church of Concord Town, report that they have attended to this duty, and find the records neatly kept, and the business conducted in a regular constitutional way, and recommend that they be approved up to page 134.

In reference to the action of the session recorded on pages 122—131 on certain resolutions sent down from the Fall meeting of Presbytery 1857. Your committee recommend that the session be instructed, that the Presbytery, holding the resolutions alluded to in the afore said proceedings, to be perfectly constitutional, will require of the session the duties therein enjoined without assent to the adoption or rejection of said resolutions by the session.

Report of com. on case from Poplar Tent. See page 432.

The committee to which was referred the request of the session of Poplar Tent church for advice in the case of J. B. Mos[illegible] presented their report which was accepted, amended, and the whole

matter referred back to the session of Poplar Tent church without advice.

Report of com. on Systematic Benevolence.

The committee appointed to prepare a report on Systematic Benevolence for the General Assembly presented their report which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. It is as follows: viz: The committee appointed to prepare a report to the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence respectfully report that but few of the churches have placed reports in the hands of the committee. The following churches only have reported – Rocky River, Poplar Tent, Charlotte, Providence, Sharon, Franklin, Ebenezer, Marion, Silsam, Prospect, Bethel, Unity (Limbaugh) and Macpelah. The committee would present the following as the report to the General Assembly – The Presbytery of Concord, N.C. would respectfully report to the General Assembly – that the Presbytery has repeatedly recommended the adoption of the Assembly's plan of Systematic Benevolence to the churches under its care, and that it is endeavouring to carry out in full those plans.

These are increasing evidences that the churches under its care are gradually coming up to the measure of their duty in this respect.

The Statistical reports and the reports on Systematic Benevolence from our various churches show that while there are very many failures, still the most of the churches take up yearly and systematically collections for all the objects recommended by the Assembly; and that from year to year the number of collections and the amount of contributions have been on the increase.

(Signed) E. D. Junkin } Com.
Wm. L. Moore }

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Pres.

presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows: viz: The committee appointed to examine and audit the account of the Treasurer of Presbytery beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and find the same correct. Respectfully submitted. – (Signed) W. C. Sketts. } Com.
W. M. D. Howard }

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. J. M. Black, and Geo. M. Oeckles, Ruling Elders, obtained leave of absence after this evening; also W. C. S. Hunter, James Harper, J. C. Ford, A. S. Troth, and Wm. King.

Mr. R. B. Anderson declines the calls from Bethesda, Back creek, and Joppa.

Mr. R. B. Anderson declined accepting the Calls placed in his hands from the churches of Bethesda, Back creek, and Joppa, and returned said calls to Presbytery. Whereupon it was ordered that these Calls be returned to these churches.

Report of Com. to install Rev. N. Shotwell over the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain.

The committee appointed to install Rev. N. Shotwell over the churches of Rutherfordton and Little Brittain reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them according to the order of Presbytery; and that on the 2nd day of Oct. 1859 they installed Rev. N. Shotwell over the church of Rutherfordton, and on the 11th day of Oct they installed him over the church of Little Brittain. This report was adopted.

Report of the com. to organize the church of Mills River.

The committee appointed to organize the church of Mills River reported that they had attended to this duty, and that on the 13th day of Sept. 1859 they organized the church of Mills River in Henderson county N. C. This report was adopted, and this church was taken under the care of Presbytery, and its name entered upon the roll of churches.

Report of Com. to install Rev. W. L. Moore over the churches of Franklin and Ebenezer.

The committee appointed to install Rev. Wm. L. Moore over the united churches of Franklin, (Macon co.) and Ebenezer reported

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that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 22d day of Oct 1859 they had installed Rev Wm S. Moore over the united churches of Franklin and Ebenezer. This report was adopted.

Report of com. to make arrangements for the installation of Rev. B. S. Krider over the church of Thyatira.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of Rev B. S Krider over the church of Thyatira presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

That Rev S B O Wilson preach the sermon: Rev Stephen Frontis delivers the charge to the pastor; and Rev W A Wood deliver the charge to the people. Rev Walter W Hard be alternate to Rev S B O Wilson; Rev J B Watt alternate to Rev S Frontis; and Rev E D Junkin alternate to Rev W A Wood. The installation to take place on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath of June (June 9th 1860).

(Signed) B. S Krider, J. K. Graham, } Com.

Messrs Watts and Johnston examined on Church History and Hebrew.

Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Messrs Watts and Johnston on Church History and Hebrew. This examination together with all the other parts of trial presented at this meeting were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Stated clerk's account.

The Stated clerk's account was read, and the Treasurer was directed to pay it.

Abstract to be published.

It was ordered that an abstract of the minutes of this meeting be forwarded for publication in the North Carolina Presbyterian including the new assessment upon the churches.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the good people of Steele creek church for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during the present session, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the pastor on to-morrow.

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Resolved - That the Treasurer be and he hereby is instructed to pay to each of our Commissioners to the General Assembly the sum of $75.00.

Churches not represented in this meeting of Pres.

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: Wadesboro, Rheims' creek, Swannanoa, Rivasee, Bethpage & Centre, Marion, Siloam, Brusilla, Monroe, Hendersonville, Franklin (Macon co) & Ebenezer, Shiloh, Prospect & Bethel, Wilkesboro, Taylorsville, Newton, Salem, Sandy Plains, Shelby, Davidsons River, Beulah, and Mills River.

The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Unity (Lincoln co) on Thursday the 18th day of October 1860, at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

C. D. Parks, Mod.

D. A. Penick, Jr. } Temporary clerks.
E. B. Stimson. }

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Absentees.

N. B. - The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. Stephen Frontis, Daniel Lindley, Wm S. Morrison, John C. Carson, Wm Graves, S. C. Alexander, Leander L. Stewart, and John Curtis Stewart.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of

Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
Walter L. Pharr, S.S.	Mallard creek, S.S.	Forks Store, N.C.
R.H. Morrison, D.D. & S	Unity (Lincoln Co.) S.S. &	Cottage Home, N.C.
	Machpelah, S.S.	" " " "
Stephen Frontis, N.C.	Monroe, V.	Deep Well, N.C.
Jesse Rankin, Evangelist	Lenoir, S.S.	Lenoir, N.C.
L.A. Penick, Sr. P.	Rocky River, P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
Drury Lacy, D.D., Pres. S.S.	College Church, S.S.	Davidson College, N.C.
Daniel Lindly, P.M.	Dallas, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa,
Thos. P. Johnston, Agt. A.S.S. (in trans.)	Salem, V.	New castle, Tenn.
Robert Burwell, S.S.	Paw creek, S.S.	Charlotte, N.C.
J.E. Morrison, S.M.	Lebanon, S.S. &	Morven, N.C.
	Wadesboro, S.S.	Wadesboro, N.C.
J.T. Hall, P.	Goshen, L. New Hope, S.S. & Olney, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.
S.B.O. Wilson, P.	Third creek, P.	Enola, N.C.
Wm. N. Morrison, N.C.	Shelby, V.	Asheville, N.C.
Nathan Shotwell, P.	Rutherfordton & Little Brittain, P.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
A. Baker, (on trans.)		Fernandina, N.C.
E.F. Rockwell, Proj.	Back creek, V.	Davidson college, N.C.
R.H. Chapman, D.D.	Asheville, P.	Asheville, N.C.
John C. Carson, N.C.	Sandy Plains, V.	Mills River, N.C.
Wm. Graves, S.M.	Bethel, V.	Mills River, N.C.
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Fourth creek, P.	Statesville, N.C.
Thos. N. Depton, S.S.	Marion, S.S. &	Marion, N.C.
	Bloom, S.S.	

for the year closing April 16th 1860.

39 Ministers, and have under their care 69 Churches, 4 Licentiates, and 4 Candidates.

Communicants: Added on ex.	Added on cert.	Colored communicants	Total of communicants	Baptisms: Adults	Infants	No. of children in Sab. Schools and Bible classes	Funds collected: For Ms.	For Missions	Education	Pub.	Church Ex.	Poor	Congregational	Miscellaneous
12	10	60	211	3	26	31	46	36	15			25	158	81
7	1	4	65		2		52	42	13	13	10	15		
1	1		15				12	6			3	4		
			10											
2	2		23		1	30	192	15	15			10		
37	6	176	616	12	46	251	167	226	278	25	20	85	1355	51
2	3	3	27		3	16	137	125	50			13		100
			21											
			30											
13		25	213	1	21		22	12	10			6	210	
5	2	3	48	1	2	50	17	6				4	210	20
			15											
11	5	26	306	1	21		35					21	1200	
5		87	273	3	11	60	31	25	21	13		15	621	
			8											
			130											
2	1	74	156	1	7	100	33	35		4		8	183	
5	6		51	2	8	50	11	11				16	650	
			8											
			8											
7	6	28	173	5	4	50	57	11	5	11		25	1001	26
			22		1		41	13	10	12	6	13	221	
		1	33		1		5	6	1	4		4	165	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post-Office.	Communicants: Added on Prof.	Added on Cert.	Colored com.	Total of com.	Baptisms: Adults.	Infants.	No. of children in Sabbath-schools and Bible classes.	Funds Collected. Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Bib.	Church Extension	Pub.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
James B. Watt, P.	Steele creek, P. &	White Hall, N.C.	31	1	111	389	1	38	141	15	36	67		21	41	612	
	Pleasant Hill, P.		5	2	31	117	3	8		23						155	
R. N. Davis, S. S.	Lincolnton, S. S. &	Lincolnton, N.C.	12	6	6	140		16	41	23	14				10	600	
	Long creek, S. S.																
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar Creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	2	4	73	267	1	14	75	88	64	11	7		21	1700	21
S. C. Pharr, S. S. P.	Hopewell, P.	Hopewell, N.C.	12		53	189	7	33		21	32	18		27	16	3493	15
Wm. C. Sheetz, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.	2	2	2	75		2	30	25	53	16	9		9	1000	11
Wm. S. Moore, P.	Ebenezer, P. &	Franklin, N.C.	1		5	44	1	5	25	18	4	3	7		3	125	10
	Franklin, (Macon co.) P.	" " "				28		1		14	6	4	4		2	100	16
S. C. Alexander, S. S.	Hiwassee, V.	Black River Chapel, N.C.				30											
	Salisbury, V.	Salisbury, N.C.				90											
	Bethlehem, V.					127											
	Concord, V.	Fancy Hill, N.C.				216											
	Shiloh, V.	Statesville, N.C.				43											
E. D. Junkin, P.	Prospect, P. &	Davidson College, N.C.	9	2	57	285	3	18	30	45	60		3	11	9	400	17
	Bethel, P.	" " " "	1		12	57		6		46	37	10		8	5	400	5
B. S. Kreider, P.	Unity (Rowan co.) P. &	Rowan Mills, N.C.	6	1	16	91		8		9	13			4	5	304	
	Thyatira, S. S.		7	4	34	155	1	16	45	8	17				8	3445	95
G. D. Parks, S. S.	Hendersonville, S. S.	Hendersonville, S. C.		1		12		3	20	160							
	Davidson's River, S. S.					75											
	Mills River, S. S.					30											
A. Sinclair, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	7	14	13	214	2	13	50	246	205	203	200	25	61	3318	340
J. Rumple, P.	Providence, P. &	Sharon, N.C.	2	2	52	157		8	75	26	16	5	6	6	29	300	53
	Sharon, P.	" " "	17	7	33	171	1	15	170	38	25	4	5	2	21	393	100
S. L. Stewart, S. S.	Swannanoa & Reems Creek, S. S.	Asheville, N.C.				110											
Wm. W. Hart, P.	Bethpage, P. &	Coddle Creek, N.C.	5	1	35	178	2	4	84	25	21	2	2		7	336	10
	Centre, P.		3	5	25	127	1	10	38	20	17	8	6		17	428	20

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.		Post Office.
R. A. Penick, J. P.	Poplar Tent, P.		Concord, N. C.
John C. Stewart, S. S.	Duncans Creek, S. S. &		
	Prusilla, S. S.		
Wm. A. Wood, P.	Bethany, P.		Rowan Mills, N. C.
	Tabor, P. &		
	Fifth creek, P.		
John D. Wilson, P. S.	Taylorsville, P.		Taylorsville, N. C.
	Wilkesboro, S. S. &		
	Newton, S. S.		
Licentiates — 4.	Philadelphia, P.		Hornets Nest, N. C.
James C. Kennedy,	Joppa, S. S.		Statesville, N. C.
James C. Alexander, S. S.	Ramah, S. S.		Parks' Store, N. C.
Robert B. Anderson,	Bethesda, S. S.		Cottage Home, N. C.
R. H. Caldwell,	Franklin, (Rowan Co.) P.		Query's Turn out, N. C.
Candidates — 4.	Concord Town, P. —	69.	Concord, N. C.

Communicants: Added on Exs.	Added on Cert.	Colored Communicants	Total of Com.	Baptisms: Adults & Infants	Infants	No. of children in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes.	Funds collected: F. Missions.	H. Missions.	Education.	Pub.	Church Erection	Sun. Sch.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
21	2	115	267	1	13		31	77	15	9	6	14	800	25
			24											
			15											
5	4	17	104	2	6		18					7	210	
			55											
			51											
6	1	1	73	4	3	50	15	13		1		3	315	
	1		8				12					2	150	
	2		9		1		11						151	
12		68	276	1	12							1	420	
			40											
17	3	18	158	5	7	60	14	16	7			14	462	
			86											
			44											
6	1	16	160		2	75	31	101	34		41	14	800	201
273	113	1267	7245	77	418	1729	2131	1517	1331	952	191	613	26545	1219

Licensures 2; Ordinations 3; Installations 4; Pastoral Relations Dissolved 7; Churches Organized 2; The Rev. Messrs John Erskine McPherson, and James McCulloch Walker have been removed by death since the last report.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Charlotte, N. C.
April 16th 1868

"Pro re natâ" meeting.

Charlotte, N.C.
Tuesday, June 12th 1860
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to a special call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer by the last Moderator present, Rev. A. Sinclair. Present Revs. Messrs. James B. Watt, R.H. Lafferty, and Alexander Sinclair. Ruling Elders D.J. Caldwell, M.D., M.D. Johnston, John Wolf, and D.A. Davis.

Presbytery proceeded to consider the business for which it had been convened; viz: the request of the church of Salisbury for the permission of Presbytery to prosecute a call before the Presbytery of Orange for the pastoral services of Rev. J.B. Shearer. Whereupon it was Resolved That this request be and it is hereby granted.

Presbytery, having transacted the business for which it was called, adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

A. Sinclair, Mod'r.
R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

"Pro re nata meeting."

Third Creek Church, Rowan Co. N.C.
Friday Sept. 21st 1860. 11 o'clock, A.M.

Agreeably with a call of the Moderator, the Presbytery of Concord convened to consider the petition of Rev. S.B.O. Wilson for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Third Creek, and his request to be dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Memphis.

Present Revs. Messrs. S.B.O. Wilson, Wm. A. Wood, and J.D. Wilson. Ruling Elders Messrs. Ben. Phifer of Third Creek Church, James Hill of Bethany Church, Houston Patterson of Back Creek Church, and John K. Patterson of Bethesda Church.

The Moderator being absent, on motion of Rev. W.A. Wood, Rev. S.B.O. Wilson was elected Mod'r and J.D. Wilson was appointed temporary clerk.

The petition of Rev. S.B.O. Wilson asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church of Third Creek was heard with reasons therefor; and a paper from said church was read uniting in the request. Whereupon it was Resolved unanimously That the pastoral relation existing between Rev. S.B.O. Wilson and the church of Third Creek be and it is hereby dissolved, and said church is declared vacant.

Rev. S.B.O. Wilson was then at his own request dismissed to connect himself with the Presbytery of Memphis.

These items of business mentioned in the circular letter calling this meeting being dispatched, Presbytery adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

S.B.O. Wilson, Mod'r.
J. Davies Wilson, Temporary clerk.
R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

"Pro re nata meeting."

Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, N.C.
Tuesday, Sept. 25th 1860
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to a call of the Moderator, and was opened (via prayer) by the Rev. A. Sinclair, the last Moderator present. Present: Rev. Messrs. D.A. Penick, &c. R.H. Lafferty; Alexander Sinclair, E.D. Junkin, and Jethro Rumple: Ruling Elders: Messrs. Sandy McKinley, D.J. Caldwell, M.D., W. Patterson, Cyrus Morrison, and Henry Williams.

The Moderator stated the object for which Presbytery had been called as set forth in the Circular Letter of the Moderator, viz: To consider the request of Rev. E.D. Junkin for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Prospect and Bethel, and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.: Also to consider a request of the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem to be permitted to prosecute calls before the Presbytery of East Alabama for the pastoral services of Rev. Henry N. Pharr.

The relation between Rev. E.D. Junkin and the churches of Bethel and Prospect dissolved.

Rev. E.D. Junkin then stated his request asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the churches of Prospect and Bethel, stating in full his reasons for this request; and communications were laid before Presbytery and read from the churches giving their assent that this relation should be dissolved: Whereupon the request was granted, and said churches were declared vacant. Rev. E.D. Junkin was then, at his own request, dismissed with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Lexington, Va.

Rev. E.D. Junkin dismissed to Lexington Presbytery.

At this request permission was given to the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem to prosecute calls before the Presbytery

of East Alabama for the pastoral services of Rev. Henry N. Pharr. In these calls, Philadelphia church promises a salary of $400.00 for two-thirds of his time, and Bethlehem church promises a salary of $200.00 for one-third of his time.

Presbytery having transacted the business for which it had been called adjourned "sine die". Closed with prayer.

A. Sinclair, Mod'r.
R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

The Synod of North Carolina in session at Statesville N.C. Oct. 27th 1860.

Thus far examined and approved.

R.H. Lafferty, Mod'r.

Unity church, Lincoln county, N.C.
Thursday, Oct. 18th 1860.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. G.L. Parks, from John IX. 4: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work". Constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. W.S. Pharr,	Messrs. Thos. H. Hamilton,
R.H. Morrison, D.D.,	R.L. McDowell,

Ministers:

Rev'd Messrs. Jesse Rankin,
D. A. Penick, Sr.
James D. Hall,
Nathan Shotwell,
Thomas N. Payton,
R. N. Davis,
R. H. Lafferty,
John C. Carson,
Wm. Graves,
B. Scott Rrider,
G. D. Parks,
Jethro Rumple,
Leander L. Stewart,
Daniel A. Penick, Jr.,
Wm. W. Hard,
John Curtis Stewart,
Wm. A. Wood.

Ruling Elders:

Messrs. C. S. Hunter, M.D.,
John Caldwell,
James Harper,
James W. Reid,
Jacob Rrider,
Wm. D. Alexander,
G. L. Campbell,
R. S. Young,
Cyrus Flemming,
John A. McFarland,
J. B. Miller,
A. Fuller,
J. S. Marlin,
J. L. Beaty,
Wm. Patterson,
R. H. Hill,
J. H. McDowell,
Robert Gaiel,
S. L. Howell,
Curtis Sanders,
J. F. Summey,
J. L. Stewart,
Isaac Irwin,
Abner Morrison.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Election of officers.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. B. S. Rrider for Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. R. N. Davis, and Daniel A. Penick, Jr. temporary clerks.

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Corresponding members.

Rev. J. S. Barr of the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark. being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Minutes read.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and also those of the "Pro re nata" meetings were read.

The Standing Rules were read.

Report of those appointed to supply vacant churches.

Those appointed at the last meeting to supply vacant churches were called upon, when it appeared that they had generally performed the duties assigned them.

Absentees called on.

Absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery being called on assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence.

Accounts of Treas. of Pub. referred to auditing Com.

The book of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication were laid before Presbytery; Whereupon the Rev. J. Rumple and Mr. R. L. McDowell were appointed a committee to audit these accounts.

Call from Washington Town church for Wm. A. Wood.

A Call from the First Presbyterian church of Washington, N. C. for the pastoral services of Rev. Wm. A. Wood promising a salary of $900.00 was presented and read.

Calls from churches of Third creek and Joppa for W. A. Wood.

Calls for the pastoral services of Rev. Wm. A. Wood were also presented from the churches of Third creek and Joppa, promising a salary of $850.00. These calls were laid on the table until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, P.M.

Call from Salisbury for J. Rumple.

A call from the church of Salisbury for the pastoral services of Rev. Jethro Rumple promising a salary of $1000.00 was presented and read, and laid on the table until the Commissioner from Salisbury church arrives.

Resignation of Trustees.

Rev. D. A. Penick tendered his resignation as a Trustee of Davidson College, which was accepted.

Com. to nominate Trustees for D. C.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, G. D. Parks and C. S. Hunter, M.D. were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College

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in the place of those resigned and removed from said bounds.

First order of the day to hear in reports on the state of religion.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow to hear in reports from the several churches on the state of religion and Systematic Benevolence.

Prayer meeting each morning of Presbytery.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will spend one half hour in prayer each morning when it convenes in stead of the usual devotional exercises.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Wm. Murdock, Ruling Elder from the church of Salisbury appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Appointment of committee.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz: On Devotional Exercises - Revd R. H. Morrison, D.D. and R. J. McDowell.

On Supplies - Revd Messrs Jesse Rankin, Wm. W. Sharp and Mr. J. T. Marlin.

On Minutes of the General Assembly - Revd Messrs D. H. Baxter, J. D. Hall, and R. H. Hill.

Judicial committee - Revd Messrs D. A. Penick, D.D. G. D. Parks and C. L. Hunter.

Narrative for Synod - Revd Messrs Walter W. Sharp, J. C. Stewart and Mr. R. S. Young.

Systematic Benevolence - Revd Messrs J. Rumple, J. McDowell, and Mr. L. L. Harrell.

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Member appears in Pres.

Rev. A. Sinclair appeared in Presbytery and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

E. Nye Hutchison, M.D. Ruling Elder from the church of Charlotte appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Letter received from the Revd Daniel Lindley.

A letter was received and read from the Revd Daniel Lindley, a member of this Presbytery, who has been for more than 25 years a missionary in Africa, expressing for this body the warmest feelings of christian affection and his deep interest in the prosperity of our members and churches. Whereupon the Revd D. A. Penick, D.D. was appointed to write to Revd D. Lindley, and assure him of our continued regard for his welfare and our sincere prayers for his success and happiness in the Foreign field of labor.

Corresponding member.

Revd T. L. Wilkerson of the Presbytery of Potomac being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Call from Salisbury taken up.

Presbytery proceeded to the consideration of the call from the church of Salisbury for the pastoral services of Revd J. Rumple.

Commissioners heard.

The Commissioners from the church of Salisbury was heard showing reasons why they asked for the translation of Revd J. Rumple from his present charge, the churches of Sharon and Providence.

Commissioners from Sharon and Providence heard.

A letter from the church of Sharon was read, and the Commissioners from Providence and Sharon churches were heard in opposition to Revd J. Rumples removal.

Revd J. Rumple is heard.

Revd J. Rumple then assigned his reasons why the pastoral relation between himself and the churches of Providence and Sharon should be dissolved.

Call from Salisbury placed in Revd J. Rumples hands and accepted by him.

After a full discussion of this matter the Call, being in due form, was placed in his hands for consideration. Whereupon Revd J. Rumple signified his willingness to accept of said call; and

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the commissioners acquiescing, the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. Rumple and the churches of Providence and Sharon was dissolved, and said churches declared vacant.

Rev. J. Rumple and Mr. Wm. Murdock were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his installation over the church of Salisbury.

Member appears in Pby.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Pby takes up the calls from Washington, Third creek and Joppa.

On motion Presbytery took up the order of the day for three o'clock; viz: the consideration of the call from the church of Washington (Orange Presbytery) for the pastoral services of Rev. W. A. Wood. The call was read, and the commissioner from Washington church was heard assigning reasons why they asked for Mr. Wood's translation from his present charge, (churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek.)

The calls from Third creek and Joppa churches were again read.

The commissioners from Third creek and Joppa churches were heard asking for the translation of Rev. W. A. Wood.

Rev. W. A. Wood was then heard on the subject of all these calls.

On a motion to place all these calls in Mr. Wood's hands, a division was called for; Whereupon the calls from Third creek and Joppa churches were ordered to be placed in Rev. W. A. Wood's hands; and then on motion the call from Washington church was also ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration.

Rev. W. A. Wood accepts the call from Washington church.

Rev. W. A. Wood then signified his willingness to accept the call

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from the church of Washington, N.C.

Presbytery to meet in Statesville to attend to Mr. Wood's case.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Statesville on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath of Dec. (Dec. 6th 1860.) at 11 o'clock, A.M, and that the churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek, be cited to appear before Presbytery, at that time and place, by their commissioners, and show reasons, if any they have, why the pastoral relation existing between them and the Rev. W. A. Wood should not be dissolved; and that Rev. W. A. Wood is hereby appointed to read this citation from the pulpits of these churches.

Calls from Third creek and Joppa returned.

Mr. Wood returned to Presbytery the calls placed in his hands from the churches of Third creek and Joppa; Whereupon it was ordered that these calls be returned to these churches.

The following paper was presented and admitted to record, viz:

L. L. Stewart and A. Sinclair record their vote in opposition to placing the call from the church of Third creek in the hands of Rev. W. A. Wood for the following reason:

Dissent of Rev. Messrs. L. L. Stewart and A. Sinclair

Said Call was drawn up by the charge at Third creek for the services of a new Pastor while they had a regular pastor of their own the Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, and two months before Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relation between them and Mr. Wilson. This action on the part of the congregation they regard as unconstitutional and in conflict with Presbyterianism.

Answer to dissent.

In reply to the above Dissent, Presbytery makes the following minute: viz: It appears from the face of the said call from Third creek that it was made out anterior to the dissolution of the pastoral relation between that church and their former Past

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This fact was satisfactorily explained as having occurred for particular reasons in accordance with the suggestion and advice of the pastor (Rev. J.B.O. Wilson).

Temporary treasurer of F. Missions.

Rev. Wm. W. Hoard was appointed temporary treasurer to receive contributions in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

A member appears in Pres.

Presbytery met. Rev. W.S. Moore appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr. Curtis Sanders, Ruling Elder from the church of Franklin, (Macon Co) appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. Abner Morrison, J.L. Beaty, J.L. Stewart, Rev. Messrs W. S. Hoard, and A. Sinclair, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.

Temporary treasurer for D. Missions.

Rev. J. N. Pexton was appointed to receive moneys for Domestic Missions.

Petition for preaching.

A paper from Duncan's creek was received asking for the ministrations of the gospel, and was referred to the committee on Domestic Missions.

Candidate dropped.

The name of J. J. Harry, one of our candidates for the ministry, at his own request, and for satisfactory reasons, was ordered to be struck from our list of candidates.

Candidate dropped.

The name of Wm. M. Coleman, another of our candidates, at his own request, was ordered to be erased from our list.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Publication presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee appointed to audit

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Report of auditing com.

the Books and papers of the Treasurer of Publication, report that they have examined them carefully and find them well kept, properly balanced, and the disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. They further report that there is a balance on hand of $17.13 cts (Signed) J. Rumple, R.L. McDowell, Com.

Place and time of next meeting of Presbytery.

It was resolved that Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Mallard Creek, Mecklenburg county, N.C. on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1861 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Rev. R.N. Davis installed over Long creek church.

The committee appointed to install Rev. R.N. Davis over the church of Long Creek reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 5th day of May 1860, they installed Rev. R.N. Davis over the church of Long Creek.

The committee appointed to install Rev. D. Scott Riddel over the church of Thyatira reported that they attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 8th day of June 1860 they installed Rev. D. Scott Riddel over the church of Thyatira according to the order of Presbytery.

Preamble and Resolutions against the observance of a day of fasting humiliation, and prayer, in view of the state of the country.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were presented and adopted, viz:

Whereas there is much excitement, sectional animosity, party strife, and divided counsel, in reference to the approaching Presidential election; which seems to threaten the peace and prosperity of our beloved country; believing, as we do, that the God of nations who has power to calm troubled minds as he calms the troubled waters, and to guide the judgments and control the acts of men which de-

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termine the destinies of nations; is a leave of prayer: Therefore
Resolved - That this Presbytery does hereby appoint Monday the
5th day of Nov. next as a day of solemn fasting, humiliation and
prayer, in behalf of our country - earnestly enjoining it upon
all our congregations to abstain from food and worldly busi-
ness on that day, to assemble at their usual places of divine
worship, and to offer to the God of nations, both in public and
in private confession of sin personal and national, and
fervent supplications that he will harmonize conflicting agents
avert all such results as shall impair the integrity of our govern-
ment, give our senators wisdom, and so influence the public
mind as to promote the virtue of the people, the perpetuity of the
government, and the prosperity of the nation.

Resolved - That the same day be observed as a day of fasting and
humiliation on account of the low condition of vital piety among
our churches; and that most earnest prayer be made for the out-
pouring of the Holy Spirit, that as ministers, and Elders, and private
members we may be brought up to that degree of godliness
which is demanded by the glory of God and the salvation
of men.

Resolved - That this Presbytery respectfully overture the Synod
of North Carolina to make a similar appointment - and in
case the Synod shall do so, and shall designate some other day
than that specified in the foregoing resolution; the Presbytery will
adopt that day, as the day to be observed by our people, instead of
the day before mentioned.

Commissioners to Gen. Assembly report. The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made
their report.

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Leave of absence granted. Mr Robert Grier, and Dr E. Kye Hutchison, obtained leave of
absence after to-day.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning
at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 20th 1861
9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent
half an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called,
and the minutes of yesterday were read, amended, and adopted.

A member offers in Pres. Rev. Stephen Frontis appeared in Presbytery and having
assigned satisfactory reasons for his tardiness took his seat.

Report of judicial committee. The Judicial committee reported that no business had come
into their hands, and asked to be discharged. Their report
was accepted, and the committee was discharged.

Report of com. to make arrangements for the installation of J. Rumple over the church of Salisbury. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the
installation of Rev. J. Rumple over the church of Salisbury, recom-
mend that the installation take place on Saturday, Nov. 23d 1861
at 11 o'clock, A.M. - That the Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. preach the installation
sermon, preside, and deliver the charge to the people, and that
Rev. Walter W. Hoge be his alternate; that Rev. D. A. Penick, D.D. deliver
the charge to the Pastor, and that Rev. R. L. Rivers be his alternate.

Respectfully submitted:
(Signed) J. Rumple,
Wm. Murdock. } Com.

This report was accepted and adopted.

Treasurer of Publication. Rev. E. D. Parks was appointed Treasurer of the Board of
Publication in place of Rev. E. D. Junkin, resigned.

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Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sr., D. A. Penick, Jr., Wm. W. Pharr, R. K. Davis, J. Rumple, J. B. Wall; Messrs. R. S. Young, John Caldwell, and Cyrus Flemming, obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

Report of comm. on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented their report which was accepted, and taken up seriatim, and being amended, was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, report to Presbytery that they have examined those Minutes, and find nothing claiming the special attention of Presbytery, except the following items—

First—On page 21 there is a resolution of the Assembly recommending to all the churches under their care the observance of the second week of January 1861, commencing on Monday of that week, as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit of God on all flesh, &c—

Resolved—That Presbytery reaffirm this resolution of the Assembly, and recommend to all the churches under their care the observance of this season of prayer, as far as it may be practicable.

Second—On page 25, they find the following Resolution;

6. Resolved—That this Assembly enjoins upon every Presbytery which has not so done, to appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to make careful inquiry as to the conduct and progress in study of all the candidates under its care, and to make report to their Presbytery

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at every stated meeting, or oftener, if presbyterial action is needed.

Your committee offer the following for adoption by Presbytery:

Resolved—That this Presbytery in obedience to the General Assembly, and also approving of this resolution, will endeavor faithfully to carry it out, and with this intention they now appoint the committee on Education a committee to make enquiries enjoined in the above resolution, and to report to the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and afterwards at every stated meeting of the Presbytery.

On the same page 25, there is a resolution recommending the observance of the 4th Thursday of Feb as a day of special prayer for the children and youth, especially those collected in Academies, Colleges and Seminaries, both in our own, and in foreign lands, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into the harvest.

See Resolution—page 46 in regard to Rankakee.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) Thos. N. Paxton, Committee.

Committees appointed to prepare sketches of the lives of the late J. B. Wall, J. M. Walker, and J. C. M. Henson.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, and S. C. Miller, were appointed a committee to prepare a sketch of the life of the late Rev. Jas. Bell Wall.

Rev. Messrs. A. Sinclair, and J. Rumple, were appointed a committee to prepare a sketch of the life of the late Rev. John M. Walker.

Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, and Wm. Moore, were appointed a committee to prepare a sketch of the life of the late Rev. John C. M. Henson.

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The committee on Systematic Benevolence presented their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows, viz:

Report of Com. on Systematic Benevolence.

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The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that it has endeavored for several years to foster a spirit of increased systematic Benevolence in the churches under its care. Though their efforts have not been as successful as desired, yet there has been an encouraging advance made. Only about twelve or fourteen churches out of sixty nine have reported to Presbytery. Of these, five report a healthful increase in the grace of giving, and several deplore their short comings. Only one church reports the number of contributing members, and that one, that 69 out of 218 members contribute systematically. For these reasons Presbytery finds it impossible to report to Synod, as required, the number of contributing members. We Presbytery, however, have reason to believe that a large number of our churches contribute annually to the five Boards of our church, and to the Bible cause. It is, however, to be regretted that the aggregate Benevolent contribution does not this year exceed the aggregate of last year. Praying that a spirit of increased christian benevolence may be poured out upon our churches, and with renewed resolution to labor to that end, Presbytery respectfully reports the foregoing particulars.

(Signed) J. Rumple, Com.

The Stated Clerk presented the Statistical report of Presbytery, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was amended, and adopted, and is as follows viz:

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Report of Com. to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

The committee appointed to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees in Davidson College report the following; viz: That Rev. N. Scherrell be appointed in the place of Rev. S.R.L. Wilson, removed from our bounds, Rev. R. Burwell in the place of Rev. Peter Tinsley Penick, resigned, and Rev. Wm. M. Hard in the place of Rev. E.D. Junkin, resigned.

(Signed) R.H. Lafferty, C.S. Hunter } Com.

Treasurer of F.M. reports.

Rev. S.C. Hard D.D. agent and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions, forwarded his report to Presbytery, which was read, and the Treasurers report proper was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Messrs. R.L. McDowell, and C.S. Hunter.

Letters of excuse.

Letters were received and read from Rev. Messrs S.C. Hard D.D. and E.F. Rockwell, assigning reasons of absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Narrative on R. state of religion.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative for Synod on the state of religion within our bounds presented their report which was amended and adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows viz: The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative upon the state of religion in the bounds of this Presbytery would report that the churches generally seem to be keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace.

The attendance upon the means of grace is full of encouragement to the friends of our Zion. It is pleasant to know that the youth of our country, the lambs of the flock, who are to be the future hope of the church are gathered into Sabbath Schools and Bible classes, that the Shorter catechism, one of the great bulwarks of our strength and prosperity as a church, is faithfully taught to the young and rising generation.

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A number of the congregations are erecting for themselves large and commodious churches. Among these are Rocky River, Statesville, Olney, and Providence.

The Colored population appear to be receiving more than usual attention, and with encouraging success from our Ministers.

The cause of Benevolence appears to be progressively increasing. The additions to all the churches reporting have been encouraging; while others are rejoicing under the special and powerful outpouring of the Spirit. Among these are Hyatts, Little Brittain, Bethpage, and Siloam.

But in the midst of rejoicings the voice of lamentation is heard on the part of those who complain of this leanness, this leanness. And the prayer originally uttered by the Prophet goes up from the lips of many watchmen who are waiting for the consolation of Israel. "O Lord revive thy work, revive thy work in the midst of the years. In wrath remember mercy."

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) Walter W. Thom Ch. of Com.

Rev J. Rumple appointed on Exportery.

The Rev J. Rumple was appointed on the committee of Exportery in the place of Rev E. D. Junkin, resigned.

Rev J. Rumple appointed on Domestic Missions.

The Rev J. Rumple was appointed on the committee of Domestic Missions in the place of Rev E. D. D. Wilson, removed from our bounds.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz: The committee of Supplies beg leave to submit the following report.

Supplies.

Rev D. A. Penick, Sr spend one Sabbath in Union County, near Rocky River and organize a church if in his judgement it be expedient.

Rev D. A. Penick, Jr and Rev A. Sinclair spend each one Sabbath at Monroe.

Rev R. H. Morrison, D.D. spend one Sabbath at Dallas.

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Rev J. D. Wilson spend one Sabbath at Fifth creek, and preach at Salem afternoons of Sabbath at least three times.

Rev R. N. Davis spent one Sabbath at Shelby.

Rev E. F. Rockwell, and Rev S. Frontis, spend each one Sabbath at Back creek.

Rev A. Stockwell spend one Sabbath at Duncans creek.

Rev Wm L. Moore spend one week in Cherokee County.

Rev Wm W. Thom spend one Sabbath each at Prospect and Bethesda.

Rev D. Lacy, D.D. spend one Sabbath at Bethel.

Rev A. Sinclair spend one Sabbath each at Providence and Macon.

Rev Thos A. Clinton one Sabbath at Prusilla.

Rev Wm C. Shertz one Sabbath at Silver creek.

Rev D. J. Rhodes one Sabbath at Mocksville.

Rev J. Rumple 4 Sabbath afternoons at Franklin (Rowan Co) and one Sabbath in Yadkin County near East Bend.

Rev Walter W. Thom one Sabbath each at Bethany and Tabor Ch.

Rev R. Burwell one Sabbath at Pleasant Hill.

Rev J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Steele creek, and four evenings at Dallas.

Rev J. C. Thom, D.D. one Sabbath at the church of Concord (Cabarrus Co).

Rev J. C. Miller one Sabbath at Shiloh.

Rev R. H. Chapman, D.D. and Rev Wm N. Morrison, one Sabbath each at Flat creek. Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, Com.
Wm L. Moore.

Com to inquire into the condition of the church of Rheims creek.

Revs Messrs Jesse Rankin, and R. H. Chapman, D.D. were appointed a committee to visit Rheims creek church, and inquire into its condition, and report its state to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

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Com. to inquire into the state of the church of Monroe.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Pr. and A. Sinclair, were directed to inquire into the condition of the church of Monroe, and report its state to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Abstract to be published.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to publish an abstract of the minutes of this meeting in the North Carolina Presbyterian as soon as practicable.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to audit Rev. S. C. Pharr's D.D. report beg leave to report, viz: The whole amount received from the different churches $1338.07 cts. and the receipt including exchange and counterfeit money $1341.10 cts which shows expense of $3.00 more than the receipts.

Report of com. to audit the accounts of Treasurer of For. Missions.

(Signed) R. H. McDowell, Com.

Evangelist reports.

The Evangelist of Presbytery, Rev. J. Rankin, presented a report of his labors which was approved, and is filed away.

Rev. J. Rankin recommissioned.

The Rev. Jesse Rankin was recommissioned as an Evangelist for another year with the same salary as formerly; viz: $1000.00

Com. to consider the subject of domestic Missionary operations.

Revd Messrs. Jesse Rankin, A. Chotzell, R. H. Chapman, D.D. Messrs A. Fuller, and J. B. Miller, were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of appointing another Evangelist, to consider the propriety of increasing the salary of our Missionaries, and to devise ways and means for increasing our Domestic Missionary Funds.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved. That the thanks of the Presbytery be and they are hereby cordially tendered to the people of Unity Congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members of Presbytery during the present sessions and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by Rev. Morrison, D.D.

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The Minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Statesville on Wednesday Oct. 24th 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

B. Scott Rrides, Mod'r.
R. N. Davis,
D. A. Penick, Pr. } Temporary clerks.

R. H. Lafferty Stated clerk.

N. B. — The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Revs Messrs. J. Lacy, D.D. Robert Burwell, James E. Morrison, Wm. L. Morrison, R. H. Chapman, D.D. Wm. C. Shertz, J. C. Alexander.

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions: viz: Mallard creek, Hopewell, Olney, Dallas, Wadesboro, Lebanon, Gordon, Rheims' creek, Asheville, Tirzah, Marion, Siloam, Troutville, Lincolnton, Long creek, Sugar creek, Monroe, Concord Town, Morganton, Shiloh, Pleasant Hill, Wilkesboro, Unity (Rowan Co.), Franklin (Rowan Co.), Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Bethesda, Taylorsville, Newtons, Salem, Fourth creek, Sandy Plains, Davidsons River, and Beulah.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to Synod in the fall of 1860.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of Thirty Five Ministers, and have under their care Sixty nine churches, Four Licentiates, and Two candidates: That on the 13th day of Sept 1858 they organized the church of Mills River in Henderson County; that on the 3d day of Nov 1859, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev J. W. Erwin and the churches of Concord and Shiloh, and declared said churches vacant; that on the 5th day of Nov 1859, they dismissed Rev J. W. Erwin with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Bethel, S C; that on the 13th day of jan. 1860, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev S. J. Penick, and the church of Concord Town, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dismissed Rev S. J. Penick with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Roanoke, Va; that on the 9th day of April 1860, they lost by death the Rev John Erskine McPherson; that on the 12th day of April 1860, they dismissed the Rev A. Baker with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Florida; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev Hor P. Johnston with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Chickasaw; that on the 13th day of April 1860, they dismissed J. De Witt Burkhead, a Licentiate under this care with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of South Carolina; that on the 15th day of April 1860, they lost by death the Rev James McCulloch Walker; that on the 5th day of May 1860 they installed the Rev R. N. Harris over the church of Long creek; that on the 9th day of June 1860, they installed the Rev B. L. Rhodes over the church of Thyatira; that on the 16th day of Sept 1860, they lost by death the Rev James Bell Watt; that on the 21st day of Sept 1860, they dissolved the pastoral

relation existing between the Rev S. B. C. Wilson and the church of Third creek, and declared said church vacant; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev S. B. C. Wilson with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Memphis; that on the 25th day of Sept 1860, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev E. D. Junkin and the churches of Prospect and Bethel, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev E. D. Junkin with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Lexington, Va; that on the 19th day of Oct 1860, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev J. Rumple and the churches of Sharon and Providence, and declared said churches vacant; and that on the 24th day of Oct 1860, they received as a member the Rev S. C. Millen from the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South.

By order of Presbytery:

Oct 24th 1860. } R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

At meeting of Synod.
Statesville, N. C.
Wednesday, Oct 24th 1860.
11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present—Rev Messrs Jesse Rankin, J. C. Carson, Wm Graves, J. N. Pegram, R. H. Lafferty, G. A. Parks, B. L. Rhodes, J. Rumple, S. J. Penick, Sr, Walter W. Sharp, S. J. Penick, Jr, W. A. Wood, D. D. Stewart, and J. C. Stewart; together with Ruling Elders Messrs. Wm Parks, J. C. Ford, M. D. Johnston, Henry Williams, Jno O. Sharp, R. H. Dill, W. A. Brown, and W. C. Alexander.

Rev S. C. Millen presented a letter of dismission from the First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South, and after

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Rev. J.C. Miller received.

satisfactory examination he was received as a member of this Presbytery. Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess. 4 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Rev. J.D. Hall, Rev. Wm. W. Thaes, and Ruling Elder, Henry Fite, appeared in Presbytery.

Rev. John Curtis Stewart and others laid before Presbytery a Protest against the action of Presbytery in re-electing Rev. Jesse Rankin, an Evangelist. After this protest was discussed for some time it was returned to the authors of it, that they might modify it.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

After recess.

Saturday, Oct. 27th 1860. 8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. Rev. J.C. Maxwell was dismissed, at his own request, to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Statesville on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Dec. Closed with prayer.

B.S. Kreider, Mod'r.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Statesville, N.C.

Thursday Dec. 6th 1860.

11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. B.S. Kreider.

Present—Ministers, Revs. Messrs. Walter W. Thaes, J.C. Miller, B.S. Kreider, J. Rumple, and Wm. A. Wood. Ruling Elders, Messrs. Andrew Gray, from

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Bethany church, Jas. F. Bell, from Fourth creek church.

Rev. J. Rumple was appointed temporary clerk.

Rev. W.A. Wood then reported that he had, as ordered, published the citations issued by the order of Presbytery to the churches of Fifth creek, Bethany, and Tabor, to appear before Presbytery at this time, and show cause why the pastoral relation existing between them and the Rev. W.A. Wood should not be dissolved.

Rev. Wm. A. Wood renewed his request, that the pastoral relation existing between himself and the churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek, might be dissolved.

Mr. Andrew Gray reported that the congregation of Bethany would assent to the dissolution of the relation reluctantly, and only because Mr. Wood desired it.

No commissioners appearing from the churches of Tabor and Fifth creek, it was Resolved—That the request of Rev. W.A. Wood be, and it hereby is granted, and that the churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek are declared vacant.

Rev. Wm. A. Wood was, at his own request, dismissed with a view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Orange.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Mallard creek, Mecklenburg county, N.C. Thursday, April 11th 1861, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Closed with prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

B.S. Kreider, Mod'r.

J. Rumple, Temporary clerk.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Mallard Creek Church, Mecklenburg co. N.C.
Thursday, April 11th 1861.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. B. Scott Horiden from I. Cor. II. 4: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of mans wisdom, "but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power." Constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers:

Rev. Messrs. W. S. Shaw,
R. H. Morrison, D.D.,
J. A. Penick, Sr.,
J. E. Morrison,
J. S. Hall,
Walter W. Shaw,
Thos. N. Paxton,
R. N. Davis,
R. H. Lafferty,
S. C. Shaw, D.D.,
B. S. Horiden,
J. Rumple,
J. A. Penick, Jr.,
W. W. Shaw.

Ruling Elders:

Messrs. Andrew Hunter,
John M. Query,
J. W. Sparrow,
J. W. Todd,
Robert A. Beaty,
S. C. Robison,
J. A. Burke,
A. B. Long,
E. B. Stimson,
A. G. Neal,
H. A. Query,
Wm. Tiddy,
John Howie,
R. D. Alexander,
Wm. Murdock,
H. M. Gray,
N. Z. Hall,
David Parks,
Wm. Rea,
Jos. W. Ross.

Ruling Elders:

D. S. Caldwell,
E. W. Simmon,
D. C. Guerrine,
Thos. Brown,
J. A. Witherspoon,
A. J. York.

Election of officers.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. Jethro Rumple for Mod^r and Rev. R. N. Davis and E. B. Stimson for temporary clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Minutes read.

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, together with those of adjourned meetings were read.

Report of members appointed to supply vacant churches.

Those appointed to supply vacant churches, and perform missionary work were called on, when it appeared that these appointments had been generally fulfilled.

Absentees called on.

Absentees from the last meeting of Presbytery were called on, and so far as they were present rendered satisfactory reasons for absence.

Sessions not represented at last meeting called on.

Sessions that failed to be represented at the last meeting of Presbytery were called on, and rendered satisfactory reasons for the failure.

Com. on Devotional Exercises.

Rev. W. S. Shaw and Mr. Andrew Hunter, were appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises.

Letter read from Rev. D. Lindley.

A letter from the Rev. David Lindley was read, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted; viz:

Rev. D. Lindley appointed to supply Church named.

Resolved. That Rev. J. A. Penick, Sr. to whom the letter read was addressed, be instructed to convey to Brother Lindley the best wishes of the Presbytery of Concord for his future success and

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welfare, and that we should rejoice to meet with him on his contemplated visit to our bounds.

The reading of the Standing Rules was dispensed with.

Letters of excuse. A letter was read from the Rev. Wm. S. Moore giving satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Call from Rev. creek for R. R. Burwell. A call, promising a salary of $200.00, from the Church of Rev creek for one half of the pastoral services of Rev Robert Burwell was presented and read, and being in due form was placed in his hands for consideration.

Ruling Elders appear in Pby. Mr Charles H. Ring, Ruling Elder from the church of Concord, and Mr David McMillan, Ruling Elder from the church of Lebanon appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats.

Letters of excuse. Letters from Revs. Messrs. R. W. Chapman, W. A. Sinclair, and Wm Graves, were received and read, assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Corresponding member. Rev W. N. Pharr of the Presbytery of East Alabama being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Com. to nominate Directors for S. College. Revs Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, B. S. Brides, and Wm Rea, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Com. to nominate Directors for Female College. Revs Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, R. N. Davis, and J. A. Burke, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College at Statesville.

Order of the day. It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to present Sessional records, Reports on Systematic Benevolence, Statistical reports, and congregational reports.

Rev W. S. Pharr. It was Resolved. That Presbytery will spend one half hour each morning in Devotional exercises.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon

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Order of the day. immediately after recess to hear the trial Sermon of Mr W. B. Wells preparatory to his licensure; and it was made the order of the day for Saturday afternoon immediately after recess to hear the trial Sermon of Mr R. J. Johnston preparatory to licensure.

Report of com. to visit Monroe. The committee appointed to visit the church of Monroe made a verbal report, representing things there in an encouraging light.

Organization of Church ordered. Rev R. H. Morrison, it was directed to organize a church near Castanea Grove in Gaston Co. if the way be open.

Mr R. J. Johnston presented his Latin Exegesis, which was referred to the committee on Languages for examination.

Trial of candidates. Mr W. B. Wells then read his Critical Exercise, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

Examination of candidates. Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Messrs. Wells and Johnston, on Theology. His examination was sustained.

Report of com. on Devotional exercises. The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

1st. Psalmody by the Moderator;
2. Prayer by Rev J. N. Paxton;
3. Address by Rev Walter W. Pharr;
4. Psalmody and Prayer by Rev J. E. Morrison; and that these take place to-morrow afternoon immediately after the trial sermon of Mr W. B. Wells.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half

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an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Members appear in Pres.

Revs. Messrs. N. Shotwell, Jesse Rankin, John D. Wilson, S.C. Miller, and E.F. Rockwell, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats.

Ruling Elders appear.

Mr. Andrew Gray, Ruling Elder from Bethany church, and Mr. David Thomas Ruling Elder from the church of Ramah appeared in Presbytery and took their seats.

Letter of excuse.

A letter was received and read from Rev. S. Frontis assigning reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

Members appear.

Revs. Messrs. Leander L. Stewart, and John Curtis Stewart, appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took their seats.

Committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz:

On Supplies - Revs. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Walter W. Hoyt, and Wm. Murdock.

To prepare a Narrative for the Gen. Assembly - Revs. Messrs. Thos. H. Paxton, D.A. Penick, Jr. and J.A. Burke.

On Systematic Benevolence - Revs. Messrs. R. McAfferty, D.I. Rhodes, and J.W. Sparrow.

Judicial committee - Revs. Messrs. R.H. Morrison, D.D., D.A. Penick, Jr. and L.L. Caldwell.

On Sessional Records:

1. Revs. J.C. Hall, and John M. Leary - Asheville, Back creek, Bethany, Bethel, Bethesda, and Bethlehem.

2. Revs. Walter W. Hoyt, and J.W. Sparrow - Bethpage, Beulah, Centre, Charlotte, and Concord.

3. Revs. J.E. Morrison, and J.A. Burke - College church, Concord Town,

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Dallas, Davidson's River, Enesilla, and Duncan's creek.

4. Revs. L.L. Stewart, and A.G. Neal - Ebenezer, Fifth creek, Fourth creek, Franklin (Macon co.) Franklin (Rowan co.) Goshen, Hendersonville, and Hiaspee.

5. Revs. J.C. Stewart, and Wm. Tiddy - Hopewell, Joppa, Lebanon, Lewis, Little Britain, and Macpelah.

6. B.L. Rhodes, and R.B. Alexander - Lincolnton, Long creek, Marion, Mallard creek, Mills River, Monroe, Morganton, and New Hope.

7. Revs. D.A. Penick, Jr. and N.F. Hall - Newton, Olney, Paw creek, Philadelphia, Pleasant Hill, and Prospect.

8. Revs. W.W. Hoyt, and Wm. Rea - Poplar Tent, Providence, Ramah, Rheims creek, Rocky River, Rutherfordton, Salem, and Sandy Plains.

9. Revs. J.D. Wilson, and L.L. Caldwell - Salisbury, Sharon, Shelby, Shiloh, Siloam, and Steele creek.

10. Revs. R.H. Morrison, D.D. and J.W. Rose - Sugar creek, Swannanoa, Tabor, Taylorsville, Third creek, and Thyatira.

11. Wm. Murdock, and E.W. Simonton - Unity (Lincoln co.) Unity, (Rowan co.) Wadesboro, and Wilkesboro.

On Minutes of Synod - Revs. Messrs. J.C. Hall, W.W. Hoyt, and A.G. Neal.

Order of the day attended to.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: handing in Sessional Records, Statistical, and congregational reports, and reports on Systematic Benevolence.

Com. to audit the books of Treasurer of Education and Publication.

Messrs. A.J. York, and A.M. Gray, were appointed a committee to examine the books of the Treasurer of Education and Publication.

Ruling Elder appears.

Mr. Jacob F. Goodson, Ruling Elder from the church of Back creek appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Rev. G.A. Parks appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned

satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Corresponding members.

Rev. J. K. Andrews, of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolution to hear the brethren who are present, corresponding members.

Resolved - That Rev. J. K. Andrews be heard in behalf of his brethren this afternoon immediately after devotional Exercises.

Rev. J. S. Barr, of the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark. being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The hour for the standing order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to hear the Report of the committee of Domestic Missions. The Report was read, and after several addresses on this subject it was adopted, and is as follows: viz:

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Report of Com on Domestic Missions.

The committee of Domestic Missions beg leave to present to Concord Presbytery the following as their report.

1st - They have adopted the following Resolutions:

1. That each Missionary laboring under commission be required to report quarterly to this committee concerning his labors and his success.

2. That this committee will not appoint or reappoint any missionary to any field unless there first comes a petition from this field requesting his appointment, stating the amount needed and the amount they will raise for his support in the field.

2d - They have ordered the following persons to be commissioned and recommissioned.

1st - Rev. Wm Graves, for one year from April 1st 1860, for the counties of Haywood and Jackson, at a salary of $250.00, al-

lowing him to increase that salary by selling the books of the American Tract Society.

2d - Rev. Wm S. Moore to the churches of Franklin and Ebenezer for one year from Jan. 1st 1861. The churches asking $250.00, and promising the same.

3d - They have directed a commission for the Presbytery's Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin, for a year from Jan. 1st 1861, at a salary of $1000.00

4th - Rev. J. E. Morrison has been recommissioned for the Anson Mission for one year from Jan. 1st 1861, the churches, Lebanon and Wadesboro, petitioning, and asking $250.00, which was granted.

5th - John C. Carson has been commissioned to labor one fourth of his time, for one year from Jan. 1st 1861 at Sandy Plains at a salary of $75.00 from the Board, the church petitioning, and promising to pay him $25.00 additional.

Presbytery will perceive from this statement that the committee has employed five Missionaries whose salaries in the aggregate amount to $1825.00 - Besides these there are other fields opening before us calling loudly for aid, from which we must turn away unless some means of increasing our funds shall be devised.

Your committee would further report that these Missionaries have been laboring assiduously at their posts with acceptance and success. The Spirit of the Lord has been poured out upon the Anson Mission and several have been added to the church. Your committee hopes that brethren will earnestly endeavor to push forward the good work, and especially that it be always remembered at a throne of grace

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Rev. H. N. Pharr received from East Alabama.

The Rev. H. N. Pharr presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of East Alabama to this Presbytery. He was examined in accordance with the directions of the General Assembly, and this examination being satisfactory, he was received as a member and his name enrolled.

Rev. J. S. Beard received from Ouachita Presbytery.

Rev. J. S. Beard presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark. to this Presbytery. He was examined in the usual way, and this examination being satisfactory, he was received, and his name enrolled as a member.

Report of com. on the minutes of Synod.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last Synod presented this report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to examine the Records of Synod, would respectfully report to Presbytery, that they have discharged that duty, and find no injunctions of any kind imposed upon the Presbyteries; nor indeed any thing demanding the action of Presbytery. (Signed) J. D. Hall, Wm. W. Pharr, A. G. Neal } Comm.

Report of com. to examine Latin Exegesis of R. J. Johnston.

The committee appointed to examine the Latin Exegesis of Mr. R. J. Johnston reported, recommending that it be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was adopted.

Election of Commissioners to Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the next General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Revs. Jesse Rankin, and Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr., Principals — and Rev. A. Sinclair, and Rev. H. N. Pharr, Alternates — Ruling Elders: Messrs. Thos. A. Allison, and Wm. Murdock, Principals — Messrs. John A. Young, and Dr. Daniel Summey, Alternates.

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Auditing Com.

Messrs. A. G. Neal and Wm. Murdock were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Messrs. A. B. Long, N. Hall, J. A. Burke, and Charles H. Rinz, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of to-day.

Auditing com.

Messrs. Wm. Murdock and A. J. York, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

W. B. Watts preaches his trial sermon.

Presbytery proceeded with the order of the day; viz: to hear the trial sermon of Mr. W. B. Watts.

Devotional exercises, collection in behalf of Seamen.

Presbytery then spent a season in devotional exercises, after which Rev. J. N. Andrews was heard in behalf of the Seamans Home: Whereupon the following paper was adopted: viz:

Action of Pres. respecting seamen.

Presbytery having heard with deep interest the Address of Rev. J. N. Andrews, Pastor of the Seamans Bethel at Wilmington, N. C. — Resolved — That the cause of seamen be earnestly commended to the prayers and benevolence of the churches, and that all our ministers be respectfully requested to present this cause of christian benevolence to their respective churches, and that contributions raised for this object be transmitted to the care of Rev. J. N. Andrews, Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Gouge taken under the care of Presbytery.

Mr. J. H. Gouge, a member of the College Church, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives in seeking to enter the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was taken under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

The Standing Committees on Languages and Sciences

were directed to examine Mr. Gouge this evening and to-morrow morning, and report to Presbytery to-morrow.

Order of the day. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to fix upon the place and time for the next meeting of Presbytery.

Call from Third creek for Rev. G. D. Parks. A call from the church of Third creek for the pastoral services of the Rev. G. D. Parks, promising a salary of $600.00 for two thirds of his time, was laid before Presbytery, and being in due form it was ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration.

Leave of absence granted. Mr. Wm. Rea obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening. Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional Exercises.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Leave of absence granted. Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Ruling Elder J. W. Sparrow, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Report of com. to ex. Mr. Gouge on Languages. The committee on Languages reported that they had examined J. W. Gouge on Latin and Greek, and recommended that his examination be sustained. This report was adopted.

Rev. D. Lacy, D.D. dismissed to Orange Pres. A Letter from Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. was read, asking to be dismissed from this Presbytery to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange, in the bounds of which he is now laboring. This request was granted, and the Stated clerk was directed to furnish him with a Letter of dismission.

J. C. Alexander dismissed to Orange Pres. James C. Alexander, Licentiate, was at his own request dismissed with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange.

The committee on Supplies presented their report which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Supplies. Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and J. D. Hall, one Sabbath each at Dallas.

Rev. T. A. Penick, 1/2 one week in Monroe and Union county.

Rev. H. N. Pharr one Sabbath in Providence church.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty one Sabbath in Sharon church.

W. B. Watts one Sabbath each at Steele creek and Pleasant Hill.

Rev. Messrs. R. Burwell and T. A. Penick, 1/2 each one Sabbath at Rocky River church during the absence of the pastor to the Gen. Assembly.

Rev. R. N. Davis one Sabbath at Shelby.

Rev. J. Rumple one Sabbath at Rockville and East Bend, and three Sabbath afternoons at Franklin, (Rowan Co.)

Rev. B. S. Brides one Sabbath in Anson county.

Rev. Wm. M. Morrison 2 Sabbaths at Flat Creek.

Rev. W. S. Moore 2 Sabbaths in Cherokee county.

Rev. J. D. Wilson one Sabbath in Jefferson.

Rev. N. Shotwell one Sabbath at Duncans creek.

Rev. T. N. Paxton one Sabbath at Bruceilla.

Rev. S. C. Millar one Sabbath each at Bethany and Tabor.

Rev. Walter W. Pharr at Third creek and Fifth creek, one Sabbath each.

Rev. J. C. Carson one Sabbath at Sandy Plains.

Rev. G. D. Parks one Sabbath at Bethesda.

Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, W. W. Pharr and J. C. Kennedy, one Sabbath each at Back creek.

In all cases the brethren several days in connection with the Sabbath, administer the Lords Supper where desired and deemed proper. All the brethren not included in specification

above will spend one Sabbath at discretion.

(Signed) J. Rankin, W. W. Thard's } Com.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report which was amended and adopted and is as follows; viz;

Report of Com. to nominate trustees for D. College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College reported recommending the re-election of the class of Trustees whose term of office now expires; viz; Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D., Jesse Rankin, R. N. Davis, Walter W. Thard, Wm. W. Thard.— Messrs. Thos. A. Allison, R. S. McDowell, A. Davis, and A. B. Davidson, to serve for four years.

Also that Rev. W. W. Thard be appointed in the place of Rev. Brown, Lacy, removed from our bounds. (Signed) R. H. Lafferty, B. L. Wiley } Com.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Church Extension and Education presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

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Report of Com. to audit Cook's of Church extension.

The undersigned appointed by Presbytery to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension have discharged the duty assigned them, and find Balance in his hands of $68 11/100.

(Signed) A. J. York, committee.

Report of committee to audit accounts of Education committee.

The undersigned committee appointed by Presbytery to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Board of Education have discharged that duty and find Balance in the hands of E. Nye Hutchison, Treasurer, $941 2/100—

We have authorized him to destroy Two one dollar Tennessee coun-

terfeit Bank notes which have been on hands for some three years.

We have also recommended the Treasurer to return a Note of $14.00 he holds on F. H. Johnston, that amount being due him from this Board. (Signed) A. J. York, committee.

Narrative.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion in our churches for the Gen. Assembly presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows viz: The Presbytery of Concord, in presenting to the Gen. Assembly a narrative of the state of religion within their bounds during the present year, feel called upon for an expression, both of gratitude, and humiliation. We would render devout gratitude and thanksgiving to God for continuing to so many of our congregations the stated means of grace, including the people in increasing numbers, to attend upon these means, and blessing the word preached to the edification of his people, and the conversion of sinners. A number of our churches report encouraging additions to their communion. Some report large and flourishing Sabbath schools, and interesting Bible classes.

In many of our churches weekly prayer-meetings are kept up. Some of them largely attended, others but thinly attended.

In some of our churches special religious instruction is given to the colored people: Others report no special religious services for the colored people. Some of our churches also report a growing spirit of liberality.

But we have cause also for deep humiliation, confession of sin, and repentance before God. None of our churches report abundant outpourings of the spirit of God, or large additions to their numbers

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Some report no additions at all during the past year, either by examination or certificate. In some churches there is a low state of piety, and worldly mindedness prevails. In some places, intemperence seems to be on the increase, the Sabbath is not observed, as it should be, and other vices abound. It is feared also that secret and family prayer is sadly neglected by many members of the church.

Not a few of our churches have been vacant during the past year, having led none to break to them regularly the bread of life.

In view of all these things, we desire to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, confess and forsake our sins, and cry earnestly for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

April - 1861. (Signed) J. N. Sexton, com.

Rev. G. D. Parks retains the call from Third creek until next meeting.

At his request permission was given to Rev. G. D. Parks to retain until the next meeting of Presbytery the call from Third creek.

Time and place of next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: fixing upon the place and time of the next meeting of Presbytery; when it was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the town of Lenoir, on Thursday, Sept. 26th 1861 at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

The committee appointed to prepare a report for the General Assembly on Systematic benevolence presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows; viz;

The committee appointed to prepare a report for the General Assembly on Systematic Benevolence present the following; viz;

The Presbytery of Concord reports to the General Assembly on the subject of Systematic Benevolence that this matter has for several years received more or less attention.

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From the information received from our churches, we believe that the spirit of benevolence is gradually, but too slowly increasing. A few of our church members set apart a certain amount of their yearly income, which they give to the cause of Christ's kingdom. Some of our churches have blank books, with a list of all the members, and these books are presented to each one, thus affording each member an opportunity of contributing regularly to the different Boards of our church. This plan wherever adopted has resulted in enlarged contributions. It is regarded as working well.

Other churches, and perhaps a greater number, take up collections monthly in connection with the monthly concert of prayer.

Others take up collections either by using a subscription paper, or annually taking up a collection in the congregation.

Presbytery feeling the importance and the duty of each one giving of his substance systematically as the Lord has prospered him, will continue to keep before our churches the subject of systematic Benevolence, as a christian duty, until, if possible, every member may be brought regularly to contribute to the treasury of the Lord.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, B. Scott Brides, J. W. Sparrow. } Com.

Report of Trustees of Female College.

The Board of Trustees of the Concord Female College at Statesville presented their report, which was accepted and ordered to be entered upon record, and is as follows; viz;

To the Presbytery of Concord the Board of Trustees of Concord Female College would respectfully

Report.

Your College, we think, is in a condition, with the proper encouragement

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to do well. With the blessing of the head of the church it seems to need only your kind fostering care and the support of the congregations under your supervision to enable it well and happily to fulfill the high mission it has been founded and expected to perform. Its patronage from the congregations constituting Concord Presbytery, is not what would be naturally expected towards their own school.

Nor is it near what, with a little exertion on the part of all concerned it surely could be. Not one pupil for every two congregations in the Presbytery, seems to speak to us on this subject. The whole number of pupils for the present scholastic year has been 91.

Your College is well governed. The opinion has been expressed that but very few schools - if any - of a like kind, present as complete order as is exhibited in Concord Female College.

The attention to study is very commendable; and the proficiency in the various branches is ~~very commendable~~ of a corresponding character.

We would record it as matter of thankfulness to the Head of the church that in the midst of abounding disease and death the lives, of both teachers and pupils have all been spared; and that with but few exceptions, good health has been enjoyed.

So far from having been visited with any signal mark of the divine displeasure, your Institution, we hope we may venture to say, has during the time that has intervened since our last report been enjoying the smiles of our Lord and Master, and expressing his blessing.

During the meeting of Synod last Fall much religious interest was manifested by many of the pupils, and several of them entered their dedication to the Saviour by openly profession his name.

The spiritual advantages of the institution are, we think, all that

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christian parents could desire. In addition to the religious exercises of the Chapel morning and evening, two instructive and impressive sermons are enjoyed from the Pastor of the Presbyterian church each sabbath - a Bible class is kept up in the College in which all the boarders in the College are required to take a part, and on Wednesday evenings all are expected to attend the Prayer meeting in the church. We are happy to be able also to report as an omen that surely augurs well for the future of the institution, a Female Prayer meeting in the College.

To all these advantages may be added the remarks of the Principal on Sabbath, in the Chapel, and on all suitable occasions, together with a requisition as to the strict observance of the Sabbath.

Your Female College is also a Missionary Society. The last session, as an expression of their regard for the President of the College, and that they might be doing good, the Teachers and Pupils by their contributions constituted him a Life Member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. This session they contemplate making Prof. Hill a Life Member of the American Bible Society.

We are gratified to be able to report more favourably, as to the financial condition of the College than formerly. By the smiles of Providence and the exertions of friends the Board has within a short time past, been able to remove some eight or ten thousand dollars of the demands against the institution. A very handsome and well timed donation of $1000.00 was made during the last year to the College by one of its friends, his Honour, Judge Caldwell, of Salisbury, of which, we doubt not, that you will hear with

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pleasure, and for which you will doubtless join with us in ac-
knowledgments to the generous donor. A few more such marks
of regard for us would be very gratefully received; and would put
us in a situation free from embarrassment.

Prof. Hill, bursar of College reports its entire indebtedness as
not much exceeding six thousand Dollars; whilst with its present
patronage its annual net income amounts to something over
$1000.00.

The arbitrament of the difficulty between the Board and
the contractor for building the College, made by Wm. Murdock, Esq.
of Salisbury, an eminent Architect, was reported to the Board at its
late meeting; and altho the opinion has been expressed that the
contractor deserved nothing more, and could have received
nothing more by law, still the Board acquiesced in the decision
by a unanimous vote of approval and of satisfaction.

We think that in view of all the facts stated, we are warranted in
indulging a good degree of hope and encouragement in relation to the
future of Concord Female College.

Only let ministers, elders, and the congregations come up to its
support with that zeal and earnestness which the importance of
the work demands and we see not why the most sanguine wishes of its
most ardent friends may not yet be fully realized whilst from its
most ardent classic halls may go forth year after year the daughters
of the church refined and polished by science, literature and
piety, after the similitude of a palace" - an honor alike to themselves and rela-
tions an ornament to the church and a blessing to the world.

(Signed) T. A. Allison,
Rev. Wm. W. Kane,
Rev. L. C. Miller,
} Com. of the Board.

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The following preamble and resolutions were presented,
which being received, were taken up seriatim, and after
being amended were adopted. They are as follows; viz:

Whereas in the mysterious dispensations of God's providence
a large number of our churches have been left vacant, much
to their own injury, and to the injury of the various benevolent
enterprises of our church; Therefore

Resolutions for the supply of our vacant churches.

Resolved 1st - That this Presbytery deem it to be its imperative
duty to attempt to remedy the evil, and to supply the deficiency
as far as possible. In pursuance of this object Presbytery enjoins
earnestly upon the churches to use all diligence to procure
permanent supplies from the unemployed ministers in our
own bounds, or from abroad.

Resolved 2d - That Presbytery will make strict and impartial
inquiry at each semi-annual meeting concerning the efforts
our vacant churches have made to procure the means of
grace.

Resolved 3d - That each vacant church be required at each
semi-annual meeting to inform Presbytery how many sab-
baths it wishes to be supplied, to be paid for regularly at a
reasonable compensation a day.

Resolved 4th - That each minister appointed to supply a vacant
church be required to report to Presbytery whether the church
has paid him for his services, at the time he reports the fulfill-
ment of his appointment.

Resolved 5th - That we will remember in our prayers, both private
and public our sad destitutions, and earnestly pray the Lord of the
Harvest to send forth Laborers into his harvest.

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Presbytery proceeded to the standing order of the day for 11 o'clock, the hearing of the report of the committee on Education. The report was read, and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of com. on Education.

The committee which is charged by Presbytery with examining and receiving as beneficiaries, and aiding indigent candidates for the gospel ministry, of promising piety and talents; Beg leave to submit the following as their annual report to Presbytery.

For reasons which were then stated, no report was made a year ago. Our Treasurer's report, however, was duly made and audited. Your committee are constrained to feel that both they and the Presbytery have much reason to mourn over the fact that whilst our vacancies and destitute missionary fields are so numerous; we have so few candidates in a course of training for the work of the ministry.

Since our last report, the following young brethren have been aided by the committee as follows; viz:

Mr R. Z. Johnston, at Columbia Seminary for several years past, preferring to borrow what money he needed - has received several loans from the committee payable at his own convenience - amounting to $615.75 cts.

Mr J. H. Gourley, a member of the Senior class at Davidson College has received during the past year $143.17 cts.

Mr J. C. Faucett, in the Freshman class, Davidson College was received under the care of the committee in 1860, and has received --- $91.00.

Mr J. R. George, became a beneficiary Jan - 1861, is a member of the Freshman class in Davidson College, and has received from our Treasury $80.00.

Mr [illegible] McFarland was received under our care April - 1861. He is located at [illegible] with an allowance of

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According to the statement furnished by the treasurer, the present resources of your committee are as follows; viz:

Amount in the treasury per last report - - - - - - -	$829.12
Amount of receipts to April 1st 1861 - - - - - - -	$435.18
Total - -	$1264.30
Of that amount we have paid to beneficiaries to 1st April 1861 - -	$923.17
Balance - - - -	$341.63

Of this balance, our Treasurer holds notes for money to Rev. J. H. Johnston whilst at the Seminary $40.00 - and Mr R. Z. Johnston $605.75 - $645.75

Leaving the only available balance of - - - - $295.88

Your committee are solemnly impressed with the obvious truth that these never was a time when self-denying, self-sacrificing, and laborious men of God - ardently pious and full of the Holy Ghost - and thoroughly trained for the work of the ministry; were more needed than at the present hour. Our vacant churches are increasing upon our hands at an alarming rate. Our Domestic Missionary fields are importunately calling for laborers: whilst the door of entrance for Foreign Missionary effort, is being thrown more and more widely open.

Whilst your committee have constantly sought for suitable candidates, and embraced every opportunity that offered of aiding worthy applicants; they feel that the number of Presbyterial beneficiaries is distressingly small compared with the pressing necessities of the church and the world.

Our acquaintance and intercourse with the pious youth

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of our churches whom God may be calling into his vineyard, are necessarily very limited. We, therefore, earnestly ask all our brethren, both in the ministry and Eldership to aid us not only in furnishing funds, but also in looking up such youth of marked piety and talents as the Head of the church could have trained for the special work of the ministry, and in giving us full and prompt information in regard to them. And above all, let the united cry go up daily from every pious heart in importunate prayer to the Lord of the Harvest "that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Daniel A. Penick Ch'm of com.
Charles T. Alexander,
E. Nye Hutchison.

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Report of com. to nominate Trustees for Female College.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Concord Female College at Statesville presented their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows: viz:

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female college make the following report Rev. Jethro Rumple, D. A. Davis, and W. F. Cowan — to serve for four years.

Report of Com. to ex. Mr. J. H. Gouge on Sciences.

The committee appointed to examine J. H. Gouge on his scientific course presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: The committee on Science beg leave to report that they have examined Mr. J. H. Gouge, so far as time allowed, in various branches of science (Geometry, Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemistry &c) and recommend that the examination be sustained as part of trial. (Signed) E. F. Rockwell, G. D. Parks, } Com.

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Arrangements for the installation of Rev. W. N. Hood over the churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem.

The following paper was presented, read and adopted; viz:

The Rev. Henry N. Hood having signified his acceptance of the calls from the united churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem forwarded to him, while a member of the Presbytery of East Alabama, with the consent of Concord Presbytery given at Charlotte Oct. 26th 1860, the following arrangements were made for his installation over them as their pastor.

The Rev. R. H. Lafferty and Rev. E. F. Rockwell, be a committee to attend to the installation at Philadelphia on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in May next. That Rev. R. H. Lafferty preside, and put the constitutional questions to the pastor, and people, and give the charge to the pastor; that Rev. E. F. Rockwell preach the sermon, and deliver the charge to the people. That Rev. W. S. Hood be alternate to Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and Rev. S. C. Hood, Jr. be alternate to Rev. E. F. Rockwell.

That the Rev. W. S. Hood, and Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr. be a committee to attend to the installation at Bethlehem church on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in June next. That Rev. W. S. Hood preside and put the constitutional questions and give the charge to the pastor, that Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr. preach the sermon, and deliver the charge to the people. That Rev. Walter W. Hood be the alternate to Rev. W. S. Hood, and that Rev. A. Sinclair be alternate to Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr.

A member appears in Bar.

Rev. R. Burwell appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took his seat.

Reports of committees to examine sessional records.

The committees appointed to examine the sessional records of Bethpage (with exceptions), Centre, Concord, Rocky River, Ramah, Poplar Tent, Unity (Lincoln Co), Long creek, Lincolnton, and Macpelah, presented their reports, recommending their approval

so far as written. These reports were adopted, and the exceptions ordered to be entered in the book to which they were taken.

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions presented this report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

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The committee appointed to audit the accounts of Rev E. T. Rockwell, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Respectfully beg leave to report that they have examined the same as far as the payment including one Dollar from Sugar creek church, April 12th 1861 and the draft to Rev Wm Graves Feb. 18th 1861, and they find them regularly kept. The payments sustained by proper vouchers, and a balance now in his hands of Four Hundred ninety one Dollars and Forty nine cts ($491.49)

(Signed) A. G. Neal, Wm Murdock, } Com.

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Pres

The committee appointed to examine the book of the Treasurer of Presbytery made their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz: The undersigned committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery report that they find them correctly kept, the payments sustained by proper Vouchers, and that there is a balance of Forty one 49/100 Dollars against Presbytery.

(Signed) Wm Murdock, A. J. York. } Com.

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Funds ordered to be paid to our Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to each of the recently elected Commissioners to the General Assembly the sum of $51.00 to defray their expenses to and from the said meeting of the Assembly.

The committee appointed, in accordance with the directions of the last General Assembly, to watch over and inquire respecting our

candidates for the ministry made a verbal report.

Report of Com. to prepare a sketch of the life of Rev J. B. Watt.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev James Bell Watt presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the book kept for that purpose.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev G. A. Parks, Rev A. A. Finnick, Sr, and Rev J. A. Wilson, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Revs Messrs Jas E. Morrison, W. L. Theo together with Ruling Elders, A. J. York, and David McMillan obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Leave of absence granted.

Revs. B. L. Kridler, and David Parks, obtained leave of absence after 3 o'clock, P. M.

R. J. Johnston trieds his trial sermon.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz hearing the trial sermon of R. J. Johnston.

It was Resolved - That all the parts of trial preparatory to the licensure of Messrs W. B. Watts and R. J. Johnston be and they hereby are sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, and that Presbytery will now proceed to license them to preach the everlasting gospel as probationers for the holy ministry.

W. B. Watts and R. J. Johnston are licensed.

Whereupon they were licensed in the usual way and the following record made, viz: At Mallard creek church, Mecklenburg County, N. C., April 13th 1861 the Presbytery of Concord having received testimonials in favor of W. B. Watts and R. J. Johnston of their having gone through a regular course of literature of their good moral character; and of their being in the communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial

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for this licensure; and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do license them, the said W.B. Watts and R.Z. Johnston, to preach the Gospel of Christ, as probationers for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

Rev. R. Burwell accepts call from New creek, and a com. is appointed to install him.

Rev. R. Burwell having signified his willingness to accept the Call from New creek placed in his hands; Rev. Messrs. J.D. Hall, and S.C. Pharr, D.D. were appointed a committee to install him pastor over said church.

Com. to visit Rheims creek church continued.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to visit Rheims creek church, and inquire into its condition not having attended to this matter were continued.

Licentiates to supply vacant churches.

Messrs R.Z. Johnston and W.B. Watts, were directed to supply all the vacancies in our bounds as far as they are able until the next meeting of Presbytery.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved - That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the congregation of Mallard creek for their kindness and hospitality to the members during this meeting, and that this resolution be directed to be read by the Pastor, at some suitable opportunity.

Com. to visit Bethesda church.

Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, B.S. Brides, S. Frontis, H.N. Pharr, Messrs. W. Murdock, and H.M. Gray, were appointed a committee to visit Bethesda church, and endeavor to adjust difficulties said to be existing there.

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The minutes of to-day were read and corrected.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lenoir on Thursday, Sept. 26th 1861, at 7 o'clock, P.M.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. Rumple, Mod'r.

R.H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.

R.N. Davis, E.B. Stimson, Temporary clerks.

N.B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. W.N. Morrison, John C. Carson, and Wm C. Shertz.

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: Unity (Lincoln co.) Macpelah, Monroe, Lenoir, Valley, Salem, Lebanon, Widesboro, Goshen, Shelby, Asheville, Sandy Plains, Beulah, Marion, Siloam, Long-creek, Morganton, Ebenezer, Franklin (Macon co.), Hiwassee, Bethel, Hendersonville, Davidson's River, Mills River, Swannanoa, Rheims' creek, Duncans creek, Prosperity, Tabor, Fifth creek, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Newton, Franklin (Rowan co.) and Shiloh.

Rev. J.D. Hall withdrew from Presbytery to return home without asking the consent of the judicatory.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.
Walter L. Pharr, S.S.	Mallard Creek, S.S.	Berks Store, N.C.
R.H. Morrison, Stated S.	Unity (Lincoln Co.) S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.
	Macpelah, S.S.	
Stephen Frontis, W.C.	Prospect, V.	Deep Well, N.C.
Jesse Rankin, Evang.	Lenoir, S.S.	Lenoir, N.C.
L.N. Pharr, Select.	Philadelphia, Selected,	Cleveland, N.C.
	Bethlehem, Selected,	" " " "
D.A. Penick, Stated	Rocky River, S.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.
J. Lacy, D.D. Every in turn	Bethesda, V.	Warrenton, N.C.
Daniel Lindley, F.M.	Back Creek, V.	Port Natal, S. Africa,
Robert Burwell, Select	Fair Creek, Selected,	Charlotte, N.C.
Jas. E. Morrison, S.M.	Lebanon, S.S.	Mooresville, N.C.
	Wadesboro, S.S.	Wadesboro, N.C.
Jas. D. Hall, S.	Goshen, S. New Hope, S.S. & Olney, S.S.	Wood Lawn, N.C.
W.N. Morrison, Stated	Steele Creek, V.	Forest Home, N.C.
Nathan Shotwell, S.	Rutherfordton, S.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
	Little Brittain, S.	
E.F. Rockwell, Prof.	College Church, S.S.	Davidson College, N.C.
R.H. Chapman, D.D. S.	Asheville, S.	Asheville, N.C.
John C. Carson, S.M.	Sandy Plains, S.S.	Mills River, N.C.
W. Graves, S.M.	Shelby, V.	Mills River, N.C.
Walter W. Pharr, S.	Fourth Creek, S.	Statesville, N.C.
Thos. H. Paxton, S.S.	Marion, S.S.	Marion, N.C.
	Siloam, S.S.	

for the year closing April 13th 1861.

35 Ministers; and have under their care 69 Churches, 6 Licentiates, and 1 Candidate; viz:

Communicants.				Baptized.		No. of children in the bounds not connected with the church.	Funds Collected.							
Added on Prof.	Added on Cert.	Colored communicants.	Total of communicants	Adults	Infants		Domestic Miss.	For. Missions.	Ed.	Sab.	Church Sp.	Pres.	Contingent Fund.	Miscellaneous.
16	4	64	221	5	12		38	37				12	335	
1		5	61		1	21	71	48	24	9	5	16		
1			21		1	12	16	15	1	1	3	8		
7	2	61	294	3	25	41						15	317	
3	2		26		2	31	165			16		3		
1	1	67	274	1	5							12	605	605
			127											
18	5	170	601	4	35	201	115	105	374	16	25	31	5681	65
		34	79		1		2					7	81	
9	2	87	178	3	14	118	12					10	144	
6	8	25	196		9		11	11	5	10		10	200	
12		3	58	4	5	51	12		8			6	200	
			15					4	1			3		
19	5	31	925	5	15	30	4					43	552	26
20	1	116	406	11	7	120	45						371	
3	3		21	1	3	21	15	12	10	7	5	5	792	23
47	6	9	123	11	15	80	5	5	5	3	4	8	310	30
2	4		27				69				34			
5	4		53	1	8	6	70	25	25	15	24	6	600	50
			8											
			8											
12	5	31	192	4	4	60	82	105	6	5	4000	20	5000	
1.	2	1	24	1	1		25	10	10			14	200	
2	1	1	35	1	5			6	13			9	141	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.	Communicants.				Baptisms.		No. of children in Sab. Sch. not added and not included in class.	Funds collected							
			Added on exp.	Added on cert.	Colored Communicants	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.		C.M.	F.M.	Ed.	Pub.	Ch. Ext.	Sun.	Congregational	Miscellaneous
	Brusilla, S.S.		2			12				1					1	5	
R.N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton, & S.S. Long creek, P.	Lincolnton, N.C.	17	3	7	155	2	9	40	8	13		6	351	13	600	
R.H. Lafferty, P.	Sugar creek, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	14	6	80	284	6	12	100.	87	85	12	11		21	631	23
J.C. Shaw, P.E.	Hopewell, P.	Alexandriana, N.C.	6	8	63	203	3	21	44	7	2	4		2	17	950	216
W.C. Sheets, P.	Morganton, P.	Morganton, N.C.				75											
W.L. Moore, P.	Franklin (Macon Co.) P.	Franklin, N.C.	1			26		4		15	2	2	2	8	2	100	
	Ebenezer, P.		1	4	5	44		3	20	5	2	7	2		3	130	*
G.A. Parks, L.M.	Hendersonville, S.S.	Hendersonville, N.C.	4	2	1	19		4	21						2	100	15
	Davidson's River, S.S.	Davidson River, N.C.	1			30	1	2	26							300	
	Mills River, S.S.	Mills River, N.C.				32		1	15							160	
J.C. Miller, Pres. Fem. College.		Statesville, N.C.															
B.L. Rhodes, P.	Thyatira, P.	Rowan Mills, N.C.	23	12	39	181	14	11	40	15					12	983	
	Unity (Rowan Co.) P.					91											
A. Sinclair, P.	Charlotte, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	1	11	13	217		6	125	180	182	210		168	40	4232	128
Jethro Rumple, P.	Salisbury, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	4	8	10	103		14	286	362	67	63	16	27	30	1579	107
Leander L. Stewart, S.S.	Swannanoa, & Rheims Creek, S.S.	Asheville, N.C.				110											
D.A. Penick, Jr. P.	Poplar Tent, P.	Concord, N.C.	15	6	106	273	8	12		38	75	14	12	12	20	800	
W.W. Hurd, P.	Bethpage, P.	Coddle Creek, N.C.	13	4	24	172	3	15	90	20	23	4	4		10	274	
	Centre,		8	5	31	141	2	11	31	16	10	5	4	1	15	293	
J.S. Bard, S.S.	Concord, S.S.	Piney Hill, N.C.			20	218			75			6			12		
	Shiloh, S.S.					40											
	Salem, S.S.					43											
John C. Stewart, W.C.	Hoid creek, P.	Asheville, N.C.	7		80	260	5	25	51	20			2	8	20	562	
John D. Wilson, L. 35	Taylorsville, P.	Wilkesboro, N.C.	4	1	1	73		5	51	12	10	3			5	308	
	Newton, S.S.		2	1		11	1	1								150	
	Wilkesboro, S.S.		1	9		12										150	
	Concord, P.	Concord, N.C.			16	158		8	105	7	30				15	575	33

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Churches.	Post Office.	Communicants. Added on ✓.	Added on Cert.	Colored com.	Total of communicants.	Baptisms Adults.	Infants	No. of children in Sab. Sch. and Bible class.	Funds Collected. F.M.	H.M.	Ed.	Pub.	Ab. Ed.	Pres.	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
Licentiates— 6.																	
J. C. Kennedy,	Joppa, P.	Statesville, N.C.				40											
J. C. Alexander, in trans.	Monroe, P.	Greensboro, N.C.				10											
Robert B. Anderson,	Dallas, P.	Columbia, S.C.				20											
R.H. Caldwell, S.S.	Beulah, P.	Quincy, Turn Out, N.C.				8											
W.B. Watts,	Pleasant Hill, P.					117											
R.J. Johnston,	Sharon, P.	Sharon, N.C.	7	3	43	188	4	5	107	32	18	3	2	3	8	335	95
	Providence, P.	Providence, N.C.	6	1	54	161	2	1	41	37	13					335	
Candidates— 1.	Hiwassee P.	Fort Hembree, N.C.				30											
	Bethel, P.	Davidson Colley, N.C.				57											
	Duncan's creek, P.					24											
	Bethany, P.					104											
	Tabor P.					55											
	Fifth creek, P.					51											
	Ramah, P.	Parks Store, N.C.				158											
	Franklin, (Rowan co) P. — 69.	Salisbury, N.C.				14											
			322	197	1237	7418	115	345	1985	1618	515	815	119	419	495	2075	1401

Licensures 2; Installations 2; Pastoral relations dissolved 3; Ministers Received from other denominations 1. The Rev. James Bell Watt has been removed by death since the last report.

By order of Presbytery,
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Charlotte, N.C.
April 15th 1861.

"Pro re nata" meetings.

Davidson College, N. C.
Wednesday, July 10th 1861.
10 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the call, by circular letter of the Moderator, Rev. J. Rumple, and was opened with prayer. The following ministers and Ruling Elders were present, viz;

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R.H. Morrison, D.D.,	Messrs R. L. McDowell,
S. Frontis,	E. Nye Hutchison, M.D.,
E. F. Rockwell,	Wm King,
W. S. Shaw,	Cyrus Fleming,
R. Burwell,	J. A. Allison,
R. N. Davis,	J. J. Brunes,
D. I. Hoke,	Samuel Caldwell,
Wm W. Shaw,	Robert A. Beattie.
J. Rumple,	
J. D. Hall.	

Rev. R. N. Davis was appointed temporary clerk.

The papers in relation to the call of this meeting were read, its object being that of receiving and acting on an application for admission into this Presbytery by Rev J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., of the Presbytery of Charleston.

Rev. Messrs. L. L. Watson, and J. S. Harris, of Bethel Presbytery being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. presented a regular dismission from the Presbytery of Charleston to this Presbytery: Whereupon he was examined, and this examination

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being satisfactory, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the business for which a meeting was called at 11 o'clock, A.M. to-day.

The papers in relation to the calling of this meeting were read, its object being to appoint delegates, if judged expedient, to the proposed Convention of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., South, to be held in Richmond, Va., the 24th July next. Also, to make such changes in the relation which Concord Presbytery sustains to the Boards of the General Assembly, as may enable us to carry on our various benevolent operations without hindrance.

Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Shaw, W. S. Shaw, R. H. Lafferty, N. Shotwell, and A. Sinclair; and Ruling Elders: Messrs Wm Parks, C. I. Alexander, David Criswell, Wm H. Michal, and A. B. Davidson, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats.

Rev. Wm Banks from the Presbytery of Bethel being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

A letter from Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. was presented and read.

A paper was presented by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and read, which was taken up "seriatim", and being amended, was unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:

Whereas the late General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convened in Philadelphia, passed Resolutions demanding of all ministers and Churches to encourage, strengthen and obey a Government now seeking by unjust and un-

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constitutional means to destroy our liberties, pillage our country, and desolate our homes and altars — and whereas we owe allegiance to a different Government, for whose safety and prosperity we are bound to pray and labor — and whereas we are thus forced by all that we hold dear on earth to seek a new organization, identified as we believe with the interests of Religion and Patriotism; Therefore

Resolved 1st — That this Presbytery approve of the plan of holding a convention composed of delegates from all the Presbyteries in the Confederate States to adopt measures necessary to form a New General Assembly.

Resolved 2d — That as mature deliberation, and united action are important, we regard the regular fall meetings of the different Presbyteries as the most appropriate season for the appointment of such delegates.

Resolved 3d — That we approve of the nomination made by the Orange Presbytery of Augusta, Ga. as the place of meeting, and the 4th day of Dec. next as the time — and that we also approve of the Ratio of Representation named by said Presbytery as fair and equal.

Resolved 4th — To meet any contingency which may occur, should it appear that a majority of the Presbyteries in the Confederate States determine to hold a convention before our regular fall meeting of this Presbytery, our delegates appointed to attend the late General Assembly be requested to attend said Convention, to represent this Presbytery.

Resolved — That for the present, the Domestic Missionaries

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of this Presbytery make their quarterly Reports to the ~~Chairman~~ Secretary of the Committee of Domestic Missions, upon which, the said ~~Chairman~~ Secretary ~~or~~ shall issue his orders upon the Treasurer for their quarterly payments, and these orders shall constitute the vouchers of the Treasurer.

Rev. J. C. Stewart appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

It was Resolved — That our Churches be urged to continue and increase their contributions to Foreign Missions, and that they forward the same, through our Treasurer, to Rev. J. L. Wilson, D. D. —

Messrs. Wm. Arrowood, and James McNairy, Ruling Elders, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

It was Resolved — That our churches be urged to contribute more liberally to the Boards of Domestic Missions, and Education, before the next meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery having transacted the business for which it was convened adjourned "sine die"

Closed with prayer.

J. Rumple, Mod'r.
R. N. Davis, temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Senoia, Caldwell county, N. C.
Thursday, Sept. 26th 1861.
7 o'clock, P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Jethro Rumple, from Col. I. 18. And he is the head of the body, the Church, who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things

Lenoir Thursday, Sept. 26th 1861.

"Ye might have the preeminence" - Constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers: Ruling Elders:

Revd. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., Messrs. E. W. Fawcette,
Jesse Rankin, J. M. Black,
H. K. Hart, G. R. Clodfelter,
L. A. Penick, Sr., W. R. Holland,
R. Burwell, J. G. Ramsey, M.D.,
J. L. Hall, David H. Patterson,
R. H. Chapman, D.D., Thos. H. McRorie,
Walter W. Hart, S. W. Morrison,
Thos. N. Paxton, J. H. McDowell,
Robert N. Davis, A. McCoy,
R. H. Lafferty, J. Brown,
Wm. S. Mowe, E. L. Wallis,
G. L. Peeples, J. R. Davidson,
S. C. Millen, Thos. McNeely,
B. S. Hedrick, J. Rumple,
Alexander Sinclair, J. P. Marlin,
Jethro Rumple, E. Nye Hutchison, M.D.,
L. L. Stewart, W. K. McRee,
Wm. W. Hart, C. L. Alexander,
James L. Bard. Theophilus Cannon,
Andrew Gray,
J. R. B. Adams,
Thos. Brown,
J. H. Hamilton,
G. L. Robison,
A. Morrison.

Lenoir Thursday, Sept. 26th 1861.

Election of officers. Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Revs. R. Burwell for Moderator, and Revs. Messrs. R. N. Davis, and B. Scott Hedrick, for temporary clerks.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Sept. 27th 1861
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Members appeared in Pres. Revs. Messrs. Wm. Graves, John L. Casson, and Nathan Shotwell, appeared in Presbytery, and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took their seats.

Ruling Elders appeared in Presbytery. Mr. John Fearnes Findley, Ruling Elder from the Church of Wilkesboro' appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Corresponding members. Revs. S. S. Muirkland, a member of West Hanover Presbytery, Rev. B. L. Beall of the Presbytery of Bethel, and Rev. Mr. Bass, of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Minutes read. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the "pro re nata" meeting, were read.

Supplies to vacant churches called on. The supplies appointed at the last meeting to visit vacant churches were called upon, when it appeared that the duties assigned had been generally discharged.

Reasons for absence assigned. Rev. John L. Casson assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

Senoir Friday, Sept. 27th 1861.

A member excused for withdrawing to return home without leave. Church sessions not represented at last meeting called on for reasons.

Rev. J. D. Hall was excused for withdrawing from the last meeting of Presbytery to return home without leave.

The church sessions not represented at the last meeting of Presbytery were called upon to give reasons for their delinquency.

Ruling Elder appears in Pres.

Mr Wm Matheson, Ruling Elder from the church of Taylorsville appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Resolution for devotional Exercises.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will spend one half hour each morning in Devotional Exercises.

Committee appointed to consider our relation to the Gen. Assembly in United States.

Resolved - That a special committee be appointed to consider and report any further action necessary on the part of this Presbytery in relation to the matters considered by the Presbytery at its late "Pro re nata" meeting.

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D., Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D., and J. R. B. Adams, M. D. were appointed the above named committee.

Overture from Rocky River church.

An Overture from the church of Rocky River was read and referred to the above special committee on our relations to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Letters of excuse.

Letters were received and read from Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, and J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. assigning satisfactory reasons for absence from the present meeting.

Calls from Prospect and Back creek churches for W. B. Wilts.

Calls from the united churches of Prospect and Back creek, promising each $450.00 for half his time for the pastoral services of Mr W. B. Wilts, were presented and read: and being in due form they were placed in his hands for consideration.

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Calls from the churches of Sharon and Providence to R. J. Johnston.

Calls were presented and read from the united churches of Sharon and Providence services of Mr. R. J. Johnston, promising each $400.00 for one half his time. These calls being in due form were placed in his hands for consideration.

Appointment of committees.

The Moderator announced the following committees; viz:

On Devotional Exercises - Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Wm S. Moore, and Mr. E. W. Bruette.

On Supplies - Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, G. D. Parks, and Mr. S. W. Morrison.

Judicial committee - Rev. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D. D, J. Rumple, and J. G. Ramsay, M. D.

Narrative for Synod - Rev. Messrs. Alexander Sinclair, D. C. Millen, and E. Nye Hutchison, M. D.

Report of com. on death of Rev. J. E. McPherson.

The committee appointed to prepare a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. John E. McPherson presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and was ordered to be recorded in the Book kept for that purpose.

Rev. J. Rumple was appointed Chairman instead of Rev. A. Sinclair on the committee to prepare a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. James M. Walker.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day immediately after recess to hand in reports from the churches on the state of religion.

Report of commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

The Commissioners appointed to attend the last General Assembly made a verbal report stating that they did not attend the meeting of the General Assembly; Whereupon they were directed to report to Presbytery in writing the reasons of their non attendance.

Standing order of the day postponed.

The standing order of the day for 11 o'clock, A. M. viz. the Report of the Agent for Foreign Missions, was passed over by reason of the absence of the Agent, Rev. D. C. Hard, D. D.

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Place and time of next meeting.

Resolved. That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Olney, Gaston County, N.C. on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1862, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Report of committee to install Rev. H. N. Thorn over the church of Philadelphia and Bethlehem.

The committee appointed to install Rev. H. N. Thorn over the church of Philadelphia reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on Saturday, May 25th 1861 they installed Rev. H. N. Thorn, pastor over the church of Philadelphia.

The committee appointed to install Rev. H. N. Thorn over the church of Bethlehem reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on Saturday, June 22d 1861 they installed Rev. H. N. Thorn as pastor, over the church of Bethlehem.

Rev. G. D. Parks retains call until next meeting.

Rev. G. D. Parks, for reasons assigned, obtained leave to retain in his hands the call from Bird Creek church, which was placed in his hands at the last meeting of Presbytery, until the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to visit the church of Bethesda, with a view of adjusting difficulties there, presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz;

Report of com. to visit Bethesda church and adjust difficulties existing there.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to visit Bethesda Church with a view of adjusting difficulties said to be there existing would report. That they met at the time fixed by the session the 10th of June. Three members were present. Rev. Walter W. Thorn, Rev. R. L. Rhodes, and Mr. Silas Gray, Ruling Elder. After prayerful consultation, the committee submitted to the congregation the following propositions.

1st Are you now willing and desirous to have your difficulties amicably arranged? To this there was a unanimous vote given in the affirmative.

2d. Are you all willing to forget and forgive what is past, and live in

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peace and harmony for the future? On this proposition 23 voted in the affirmative, and 8 in the negative.

The committee were encouraged to hope that this would be the end of the difficulty. But from what occurred after the committee adjourned, and from what has come to the ears of the committee since; we believe that the difficulty is not entirely removed.

We are therefore unanimously in the opinion from the consideration of facts better known to the committee than the Presbytery, that the peace of the church would be more likely to be secured by sending a new committee, with enlarged powers to co-operate with the session in a final adjustment of the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Walter W. Thorn, Chairman of Com.

Com. discharged and new com. appointed.

The above committee was discharged; and a new committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. L. Morrison, G. D. H. N. Thorn and Mr. Wm. Murdoch, was appointed with enlarged powers.

Report of com. to visit Rheims creek church.

The committee appointed to visit Rheims creek church and inquire into its condition presented their report, which was received, amended, and adopted, and is as follows, viz;

The committee appointed to visit Rheims creek church and decide on the expediency of striking the name of said church from our minute, and organize such members as were enrolled on its list of members, but living out of the reach of the original place of worship into a new church, Report. That they had a consultation on the subject at Asheville. It appeared that there were no single members living near enough to the old

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Rheims' creek church to attend ordinarily on the means of grace if maintained there.

II. That there were about 21 members still living whose names were on that roll, the large majority of whom lived within the circumference of a few miles in the Flat Creek valley, and near to the temporary building erected as their place of worship.

III. They had expressly requested to be organized into a seperate church.

IV. As Rev R. H. Chapman, D.D. could not conveniently attend at Flat creek church, it was agreed that Rev J. Rankin, who had an appointment for a communion at that place, should organize the church, which he did on the 26th day of May, 1861. About 14 of said members were present. Two Elders were elected and ordained.

We recommend that the name of Rheims creek be stricken from our roll, and that the name of Flat creek church be enrolled on our minutes, and also that the remaining members of Rheims creek church be directed to attach themselves to the church of Flat creek or Swannanoa, as may best suit their convenience.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Order of the day attended to.

Presbytery met and proceeded to the order of the day, which was the handing in of reports on the state of religion in the different churches.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made his report, which being received was adopted and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows: viz:

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Treasurers report

Your Treasurer begs leave to report the following:

There has been paid into the Treasury at and since last Presbytery from the churches - $496.00

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Your Treasurer has paid out as per receipts - - - - - - - - - $252.00

Leaving in Treasury - $204.00

Of this $200.00 is in a certificate of deposit on the Greensborough Mutual Loaning interest, and $4.00 in cash. The following churches have not yet paid their assessments viz: Asheville $10.00, Beulah 1.00, College Church 10.00, Davidson River 5.00, Duncans creek 4.00, Ebenezer 3.00, Fifth creek 6.00, Hendersonville 3.00, Hiwassee 3.00, Mills River 5.00, Monroe 1.00, Mt Hope 10.00, Newton 2.00, Rheims creek 2.00, Salem 1.00, Sandy Plains 1.00, Shelby 1.00, Shiloh 5.00, Steele creek 20.00, Swannanoa 4.00, and Third creek 20.00. The following are due in part viz: Bethel 3.00, Franklin (Rowan) 2.00, Goshen 3.00, Prospect 5.00, Providence 4.00, Sharon 4.00, making in all due, but not yet paid in $138.00. Your Treasurer would further report that he lodged $50.00 in the hands of Rev J. Rankin and Mr Murdock, each, your commissioners elect to the last General Assembly, for which he holds their receipts. The other two declined receiving their appointed sum, inasmuch as they had determined not to go to the Assembly. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. Rumple, Treasurer of Concord Pres

The Treasurer was directed to collect the arrearages due from the different churches.

The committee on our relation to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America presented their report, which was accepted, and taken up seriatim, and being amended was unanimously adopted, and is as follows, viz:

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Report of com. on the relation of Pres. to the Gen. Assembly.

The committee to whom was referred the present condition of our beloved church in the Confederate States, and the measures necessary to be adopted in the formation of a New General Assembly, present to Presbytery the following Report.

Altho the action of Presbytery at its late meeting in July implied a formal seperation from the General Assembly of the United States, yet the magnitude of the interests involved, and the recent indications of Divine Providence seem to demand a more full and distinct statement of the reasons which constrain our Presbytery to this seperation.

We cannot but regard the ordinance of the General Assembly which met in May last in the city of Philadelphia as an unconstitutional and tyrannical usurpation of Power in undertaking to define the allegiance of Eleven Sovereign States to a Government which they have formally and solemnly renounced. That to demand of all Ministers and Churches in the Confederate States to encourage, strengthen, and support a Government at present waging a most unnatural, cruel and unjust war upon all that we hold dear on earth, is in fact what no ecclesiastical court has a right to enforce, and is to expect Law abiding subjects and Christian Churches to be guilty of treason against the government of their own choice.

Presbytery further regards the course of the late General Assembly, a spiritual court, in interfering in civil

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matters, as at war with the word of God, her own constitution and all her previous acts on the subject - and as presenting the most humiliating subserviency to a tyrannical administration, and the rage of fanaticism, that our country has ever witnessed.

As the guardian of truth, the friend of liberty, and the advocate of Righteousness, this Presbytery is solemnly and in the fear of God constrained to accept the seperation, forced upon her, from the General Assembly of the United States. Therefore

Resolved; 1st That this Presbytery hereby formally declares its withdrawal from all connexion with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

2d Resolved - That we do not regard this seperation as implying any new basis of Church organization, but fully declare our adherence to the same Standards of Doctrine, Government, and Discipline, which have long constituted the strength and glory of the Presbyterian Church; and by Standards of Doctrine we here mean the "Confession of Faith, Form of Government, the "Catechisms, the Book of Discipline, and Directory of "Worship".

3d Resolved - That Presbytery will appoint Delegates at its present sessions, to meet Delegates from other Presbyteries in the Confederate States at Augusta, Ga. on the 4th day of Dec. 1861, with full authority to aid and act in the formation of a New General Assembly, for the Confederate States of America, or at any other time and place which

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a majority of the Presbyteries concerned may select.

4th Resolved - That in thus rendering our formed Relation we do not renounce any lawful & equitable claim we may possess to any funds which this Presbytery as an integral part of the Old School Presbyterian Church, aided in raising for benevolent purposes.

5th Resolved - That we embrace this solemn and momentous crisis in our history, to declare that we believe the present war on the part of the South, is a just and noble defence of constitutional liberty and christian principle in opposition to fanaticism, infidelity, and anarchy; and we therefore invoke all our people to pray earnestly and perseveringly for the blessing of God upon our Rulers, our armies, and our Churches.

(Signed by the Committee) R.H. Morrison,
R.H. Chapman,
J.R. Adams

Presbytery spends a season in prayer

It was Resolved That Presbytery do now invoke the blessing of God upon the work of our hands contemplated in the above resolutions; Presbytery accordingly spent a season in earnest prayer to God for his blessing upon our Church and country.

Report of our Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

The Commissioners appointed to attend the last meeting of the General Assembly, not having gone to the Assembly presented to Presbytery their reasons for failing to attend said Assembly, which were sustained as satisfactory, and are as follows; viz:

Having been appointed by the Presbytery, as Commissioners to the General Assembly which met in the city of Philadelphia in May last: we cheerfully comply with Presbytery's injunction in stating the following as our reasons for declining to attend the late meeting of that body.

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Immediately after our appointment, we addressed a communication to the committee in Philadelphia which had invited us to do so, and promised to forward to us designations of our quarters in the City, upon our announcement to them of our appointment.

To this communication we received no answer - which silence we regarded as intended to discourage our attendance. Some of us also received private letters from Philadelphia advising us not to go. Some of the city periodicals moreover advised the same thing in regard to the whole southern delegation.

When the time for us to set out to Philadelphia arrived, President Lincoln's proclamation had been made, the Blockade had been proclaimed, all which we regarded as amounting to a declaration of war against the South - Under these circumstances we seriously doubted whether we could reach the City by the ordinary modes of travel - whether we could escape insult whilst there - and whether we could return in safety. It was our opinion moreover that the absence of the southern delegation would tend to prevent the discussion of all questions which might lead to a division of the Church and thus leave the door open for a satisfactory settlement of difficulties at a future less exciting time; whilst our presence there would be utterly impotent to resist the Northern fanaticism and war spirit which even then rampant. Having no opportunity to consult the Presbytery during the interval between our appointment and the time of our setting out, such important changes having taken place in the state of the country, the war of subjugation being actually waged against us, and believing that we should thus best subserve the interests of the Church, we declined attending the Assembly. Respectfully submitted - (Signed)

Wm. Rankin,
Daniel A. Penick,
William Hume

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The committee appointed to prepare a Sketch of the Life and Character of the Late Rev. James M. Walker presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the Book kept for that purpose.

Call from Steele creek church for A. C. Alexander.

A call from the Church of Steele creek for the pastoral services of Mr. A. C. Alexander promising a Salary of $533.00 for two thirds of his time, was presented and read, but inasmuch as Mr. Alexander is under the care of the Presbytery of Charleston, not having yet received a dismission from said Presbytery, this call was for the present laid on the table.

Presbytery to meet in Raleigh during Synod.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting in Raleigh during the meeting of Synod, to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Committee to make arrangement for the ordination and installation of Messrs. Johnston and Watts.

Messrs. R. Z. Johnston and W. S. Watts, signified their willingness to accept the calls placed in their hands; Whereupon Rev. W. K. Hart, Messrs. C. L. Alexander and Wm. McRee, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Johnston over the the churches of Providence and Sharon: and Rev. Miller W. Hart, and Mr. D. H. Patterson, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Watts over the churches of Prospect and Back creek.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. Theophilus Cannon, J. R. B. Adams, A. Morrison, G. R. Caldwell, and Wm. McRee, obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this evening.

Election of Commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to the proposed General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States of America to meet in Augusta Ga. Dec. 4th 1861, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D. and R. H. Chapman, D.D. together with Ruling Elders, Messrs. J. G. Ramsay, M.D. and William Murdoch, Principals; Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sr. and W. K. Hart, together

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with Ruling Elders, Messrs. J. W. Osborne, and E. Ky. Hutchison, M.D. Alternates.

Treasurer to pay funds to Commissioners.

The Treasurer was ordered to pay from the Commissioners Fund the sum of $40.00 to each of the Commissioners to the Assembly.

Temporary treasurer of D. Missions appointed.

Rev. G. D. Parks was appointed temporary Treasurer of Domestic Missions, in the absence of the Treasurer, subject to the order of the Committee.

Temporary treasurer of F. Missions appointed.

Mr. J. R. Davidson was appointed temporary Treasurer for Foreign Missions, in the absence of the Treasurer.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met, and spent half an hour in Devotional Exercises.

The roll was called, the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Report of Com. on Devotional Exercises.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that the Presbyterial prayer meeting be observed this afternoon immediately after recess; and that the following persons conduct the exercises: viz:

~~Prayer by~~ Psalmody by Rev. John C. Carson:
Prayer by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.
Reading the Scriptures by Rev. Alexander Sinclair:
Address by Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr.
Prayer by Rev. S. C. Miller:
Psalmody and benediction by the Moderator:

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, Chairman of Com.

The vote in the election, on yesterday, of Commissioners to the

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Vote of yesterday reconsidered.

General Assembly, so far as E. Ky Hutchison, M.S. was concerned, was at his request reconsidered; Whereupon Mr. T. A. Allison was elected in the place of Mr. Hutchison.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative for Synod presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod. It is as follows; viz:

Narrative on the state of religion in our churches.

Never, in the past history of our Presbytery, was the duty assigned your Committee brought with more interest and importance to the Church. In the mysterious providence of God, we have fallen upon evil times, and in the great upheavings of Empire it would be passing strange if the Church of Christ should not be to some extent affected. The agitations of the great national election of a year ago, followed by distracting divisions in our national councils, and these again succeeded by a revolution that has rent in twain our once mighty Republic, all have so engaged every mind, absorbed every consideration, and affected every interest, as to leave the hearts of God's people fearful in reference to the progress and prosperity of religion within our bounds. Added to all these adverse causes was the stern necessity forced upon us of severing our relations to the General Assembly by its unconstitutional Resolutions on the state of the country, passed in Philadelphia at its last meeting. With all these conflicting events disturbing the former tranquility of our people and the country at large, it necessarily becomes a pertinent and solemn question, what effect have these convulsions in Church and State had upon the great interests of Christ's kingdom in our midst? Have they diminished the zeal and efficiency of our ministry, impaired the Christian activity of our membership, and hindered

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the healthy growth of our churches in piety, benevolence, and numbers?

As yet, these calamities with which our Heavenly Father has been pleased to visit us, have not been instrumental in bringing us so near to Him, that in answer to our humble, importunate supplications the Holy Spirit has descended with a fresh baptism on our churches. Throughout the past year the glad tidings of a reviving season have not been heard within our borders. Indeed, not a few of our churches report that the excitements incident to the war have had a damaging effect upon the success of a preached gospel, destroying in many instances the signs of an awakened religious interest among the hearers of the word.

While in most of our vacant churches Sabbath schools, and Bible classes are diligently maintained, and though the gospel is regularly and faithfully preached in all our pastoral charges, the burden of all our reports is that the work of the Lord is making but slow progress throughout our bounds. Still we rejoice to know that the Lord's ear is not heavy that it cannot hear, nor his arm shortened that it cannot save; and our earnest prayer unto Him is "Return we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vine? Wilt thou be angry with us forever? Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee"?

Amidst so many discouragements, there are however many gratifying indications of God's favor. Peace and harmony

generally prevail throughout our churches. The deportment of professors of religion is pleasingly absent from scandalous practices, and marked by a Christian consistency highly gratifying. The attendance upon the Sabbath services of the Sanctuary and the earnest attention paid by hearers to the preaching of the word are if any thing decidedly on the increase.
The drain of means necessarily made upon our people for the support of our Southern cause has not as yet, materially affected the regular contributions in behalf of the benevolent enterprizes of the Church; and our prayer meetings, Sabbath schools, and Bible classes are all continued and upheld as in the time of profound peace. With all these encouraging indications of the divine favor many of our charges report gradual and important accessions to their list of membership.

Altho it is not our privilege to report any special revival of religion, still it is one of the gratifying signs of the times, that since our troubles have come upon us in Church and state, a remarkable drawing nigh to God in prayer has been manifest throughout all our churches. Prayer meetings have multiplied, are still increasing, and where they were with difficulty maintained are now upheld with renewed vigor and increasing in attendance. It is by prayer that God blesses the word, revives the Church, purifies the piety of his people, increases their faith, and love, and zeal. and it is in answer to prayer that he saves the soul from death: and may we not therefore feel encouraged that this prayerful uprising on the part of the people of God will result as in former times in calling down the spirit of almighty grace to awaken, convert, Sanctify, and save?

On the whole, then, in reviewing the year which is past, its troubles,

its difficulties, its discouragements, we have every reason from the indications of God's providence and the promises of his word to take heart and be of good courage. He who is our refuge and strength in all troublous times has said for our hope "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (Signed) A. Sinclair } Com.
E. Mc Hutchison }

The Evangelist of Presbytery, Rev Jesse Rankin, presented his annual report, which was accepted, and approved as satisfactory, and is as follows; viz:

Report of Evangelist Rev J. Rankin.

In presenting his semi-annual report to the Presbytery, the Evangelist has to state that the all absorbing war questions, and especially the raising and sending off of troops have not been without their influence in limiting the amount and probably the efficiency of his labors. In three instances he was disappointed in the expectation of preaching by great meetings in the immediate neighborhood to raise volunteers, or by collections of the

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whole community to witness the departure of companies already raised. In other cases the congregations were diminished by public drilling of volunteers in the vicinity of his appointment.

It is also easy to conceive that the deep, all-pervading interest in war news, and in great questions connected with the war, would not prepare men to hear the truth attentively, or to feel it savingly.

I also lost two or three appointments by reason of heavy and continuous rain.

I have preached 93 times since last Presbytery (about 5½ months) in 17 Counties. The largest amount of this service has been in meetings of two or three days at the close of the week, together with preaching at intervening points in going from place to place.

There have been added 2 per members to some of the feeble churches visited by the Evangelist where there are Missionaries or Ministers laboring. To the churches supplied by the Evangelist alone there have been added 2 members at Silver Creek, and 6 at Senoia. The Church at Senoia now numbers on its roll 32 members. The Evangelist has baptized a number of children whose parents were so remote from the churches having a regular ministry, that two or three children had accumulated without baptism.

Besides a brief argument in favor of infant baptism in connexion with the administration of the ordinance, it has been the habit of the Evangelist to make the administration as solemn and impressive as possible.

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This he does because he regards it as intrinsically a solemn ordinance, and because he would avail himself of the occasion to produce a strong conviction of parental responsibility, and especially to destroy the feeling that baptism is a mere ceremony incident to the naming of a child. ~~In accordance~~ The Evangelist, after consultation with Br. Chapman, according to the directions of Presbytery organized those members of Rheims Creek Church living in the Flat Creek settlement into a Church on the 26th day of May 1861, and ordained two additional Elders. They adopt the name Flat Creek. Some 13 or 14 of the members were present. There were about 20 who would naturally belong there, and who are, or will be enrolled there. There is no member living near the site of the old Rheims Creek Church.

The Evangelist recently visited Gadkin County expecting to organize a small Presbyterian Church in that County. But finding the man who would naturally have been looked to for an Elder gone to the army, and two others unable by reason of bad health to attend the services, it was thought better to defer the matter for the present.

In various communities the Evangelist has overtures more or less distinct from members of other denominations to unite with the Presbyterian Church. Most of them he is obliged to discourage on account of their deficiency either in religious knowledge, or in their moral tone.

It may be proper to state that one of the churches referred to in my last report as ~~originally~~ originally organized by the Evangelist, and

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which was reported as continuing up to that time in "statu quo" has, under the efficient services of a young brother, who preaches them monthly, tho living some 45 miles from it, about doubled its membership since that time. I suppose its moral strength has increased in about the same ratio. I refer to the church of Newton.

One fourth of the present membership of the church at Lenoir has been added since the first of last November.

These facts go to show, that while a church constituted of a few individuals, may continue for a number of years with a scarcely visible vitality; yet nourished so as to be kept alive, and made the occasion of disseminating truth in that locality, the time will come when enlargement pre-indicated only to the eye of faith will take place. I submit the question whether this is not one of the elements of progress which we as Presbyterians have hitherto too much neglected. From the course of our Episcopal friends in this respect we may derive some useful suggestions. No denomination in the state has increased in a higher ratio in the last 40 years than that.

A glance at the minutes of the Convention in N. C. for 1861 seemed to your Evangelist to reveal one chief secret of this fact. Organizations of two members are reported, and such organizations are looked after, nursed and fed with real parental care. They report for example, one church with two white communicants, two churches of 3, One of 4, three of 5, two of 6, three of 7, two of 8, and one of 10.

I mention these facts to exhibit a policy which I consider wise, and worthy of our imitation. The man who takes care of dimes and half dimes is the man who becomes rich; and it is the church which extends her fostering care to individual members whenever they may

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go, that will both lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. Instead of lamenting the removal of a family or two from our charges, as weakening the particular church from which they emigrate, we should look upon the event as a Providential indication that another light is to be kindled up in that part of the wilderness in which God may order their location. The partial weakening of one individual church may become the occasion of strength and enlargement to the body as a whole.

We believe in the doctrines we preach, in the form of government which we have adopted, and in the peculiar tenacity of life inherent in intelligent presbyterianism. Is it quite consistent with this belief that we have so overlooked this great secret of propagandism, or so hesitate in relation to it? Have we not too much "despised the day of small things"? The Saviour's promise is, that where two or three are met together in my name, there am I in the midst of them: Why should we not follow up the few with whom God will deign to meet, expecting that sooner or later a little one will become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. Let us then organize them, not like the Ostrich in the desert, which lays her eggs in the sand, and leaves them to hatch spontaneously, and the young bird to subsist by a native talent of self-support, but rather like the Pelican fabled as piercing her own breast to obtain food for her young. Such seems to me to be the true course of every church, whose members, and especially whose Ministers believe in the truth, and in the vitalizing power of her own doctrines. To watch over, encourage, and feed these segregated ones is of course a part of the business of an Evangelist, but to visit and feed these as often as they need, is more than one man can possibly do. Should not every Minister also regard this as a part of his work. Should not every

congregation both allow and encourage their ministers to take his part in it. Ties of special friendship should prompt the churches to take care of those who have emigrated from their own bosoms. And on the other hand those who have been deprived of their wonted religious privileges, and who religiously speaking are among strangers even in the midst of society, scarcely ever feel so manifest a higher pleasure, than when receiving a visit from their former Pastor. It is often worth a ride of 50 miles, to be the witness and especially the cause of such a gratification.

Unless I have studied the Bible, and human nature, and observed the course of things in the Church, in vain, there is a field for effort here, the productiveness of which we have never fully tested.

Jesse Rankin, Evangelist of Bds.

Leave of absence granted. Rev. Thos. N. Paxton obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Resolutions referred to Com. of D. Missions & report thereon. Resolutions touching the continuance of our Evangelist were presented and referred to the Committee of Domestic Missions to bring in a report on this subject.

Leave of absence granted. Mr. J. R. Davidson obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

The order of the day was taken up; viz: the report of Presbytery's Treasurer in behalf of the Board of Publication. The report was accepted and is as follows; viz:

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Report of Treasurer of Publication. Dear Treasurer would briefly report that from different sources he has received since his appointment one year ago only one hundred and six dollars and 56 cts. - seventeen dollars and 13 cts. of that sum was received from former Treasurer, which together with a contribution from self of $2.87 cts. making $20.00, was sent to the Board

at Philadelphia 2d Jan. 1861. The balance $86.56 cts. was paid in at last spring Presbytery and has not been sent to Parent Board, on account of the disturbances in our Church. It is drawing interest since 1st of June 1861. This $86.56 cts. was contributed by the following Churches:

Poplar Tent	$12.45 cts.	Bethpage,	$4.25 cts.
Sharon,	3.00,	Centre,	4.00,
Fourth creek	5.00,	Salisbury,	15.56,
Unity (Lincoln)	5.00,	Rocky River,	16.00,
Macpelah	1.00,	Sugar creek,	11.36,
Little Brittain,	3.00,	Third creek,	2.00.

It will be seen from this, that only 12 of your churches have done any thing for this important Board. This much is respectfully submitted. (Signed) G. D. Parks, Treasurer.

Treasurer authorized to retain the funds in his hands. It was Resolved - That the Treasurer in behalf of the Board of Publication retain the funds in his hands subject to the order of Presbytery.

Report of Com. to install Rev. R. Burwell over Paw creek Ch. The committee appointed to install Rev. R. Burwell over the Church of Paw creek reported that they had not yet attended to the duty assigned them. The committee was continued; and the Rev. A. Sinclair was added to it.

Report of Com. to organize Castanea Grove Church. The Rev. R. H. Morrison D. D. appointed to organize a Church at Castanea Grove, Gaston County, N. C. reported that he had attended to the duty assigned him, and that on the 10th day of Aug. 1861 he duly organized the Church of Castanea Grove. This report was adopted, and the name of this Church entered upon our Roll; and the Church was assessed $5.00 for Commissioners and Contingent fund.

Com. to organize a Church in Murphy. Rev. Wm. S. Moore was appointed to organize a Church in Murphy, Cherokee County, if in his judgment the way be clear

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Chured Ex. com. authorized to extend aid to Shelby chured and Columbus.

Presbytery's Chured Extension committee was authorized to furnish means to the amount of $300.00 to the chured of Shelby to aid in erecting a house of worship.

This committee was also authorized to give $300.00 to aid in erecting a house of worship in the town of Columbus, Polk County.

Revs. Messrs. G. D. Parks and R. H. Lafferty, were added to the chured Extension committee; Rev. G. D. Parks being appointed chairman.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. W. B. Watts over the churches of Prospect and Back Creek presented their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows; viz:

Report of com. to make arrangements for ordination of W. B. Watts.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. W. B. Watts - Report that when Presbytery adjourns, it adjourn to meet at Prospect church on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in Oct, at 11 o'clock, A. M. for the purpose of ordaining and installing Mr. W. B. Watts as pastor over said church should the way be open. That P. I. I. S. be assigned as the subject for his trial sermon. That Rev. H. N. Pharr preside and give the charge to the Pastor: Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr. give the charge to the People: Rev. Walter W. Pharr preach the sermon. Rev. S. Frontis be alternate to Rev. H. N. Pharr: Rev. B. S. Roider be alternate to Rev. Walter W. Pharr: and Rev. J. Rumple be alternate to Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr.

The installation of Mr. W. B. Watts take place at Back creek church on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Oct. Rev. J. Rumple preside and deliver the charge to the people; and Rev. B. S. Roider deliver the charge to the pastor. Rev. G. D. Parks preach the sermon. Rev. E. J. Rockwell be alternate to Rev. J. Rumple; Rev. Wm. W. Pharr be alternate to Rev. G. D. Parks; and Rev. S. C. Miller

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be alternate to Rev. B. Scott Roider.

The Judicial Committee laid before Presbytery for its consideration the following paper viz:

Judicial Com. lies before Pres.

"To the Judicial Committee acting under the appointment of Concord Presbytery met at Lenoir Sept. 26th 1861.

A case in the church of Mills River, Henderson County, demands your consideration. The case is this. A member of that church, Mr. Seneker, had for some time been charged with the sin of fornication. He was advised to have the report investigated. He also charged certain members of the church with circulating the report, and wished to have them dealt with in the session. He was told that he must first have himself set right in regard to the public rumour and after that if he felt the good of the church required it, then to bring them up under charges, and that he would be heard. But when his trial came on, he had those members cited to appear as witnesses and wished to deal with them as accused persons; and because the session would not permit this, but confined the testimony of witnesses to the charge against himself, he was greatly displeased, and assailed the session individually through the papers published in Hendersonville. In this case he manifested a spirit and was guilty of conduct which we feel demands the discipline of the church. But as there is but one Elder there, we think that Presbytery ought to send a commission there empowered to bring charges against the members and issue the case.

Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) G. D. Parks.

Commission appointed to visit Mills River &c.

After the reading of this paper it was Resolved - That Rev. R. H. Chapman, Mr. S. G. Reed and Mr. A. Fuller, be and they are hereby appointed a commission to investigate the case at Mills River, brought to notice of Presbytery in the

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foregoing papers in such mode and manner as in their judgment they may think proper.

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and attended to the order of the day, viz: the Devotional Exercises.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. R.J. Johnston over the churches of Providence and Sharon presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz: The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. R.J. Johnston report the following minute for the adoption of Presbytery:

Report of Com. to make arrangements for ordination of Mr. R.J. Johnston.

Resolved - That this Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Providence church on the Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Nov. 1861, at 11 o'clock, A.M. for the ordination and installation of Mr. R.J. Johnston over the churches of Providence if the way be open. That Mr. Johnston prepare a sermon, as a part of trial on II. Tim. I. 8. and that he prepare for examination on Theology &c as directed in Chap. XV. Sec. XI. of Form of Government. That the Rev. J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. preach the sermon; that Rev. R.H. Lafferty preside, propose the constitutional questions, and offer the ordaining prayer; that Rev. R. Burwell give the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. G.D. Parks give the charge to the people. That Rev. S.C. Harris, D.D. be alternate to Rev. J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D.; that Rev. A. Sinclair be alternate to Rev. R.H. Lafferty; that Rev. J.D. Hall be alternate to Rev. R. Burwell; and that Rev. R.N. Harris be alternate to Rev. G.D. Parks.

That Revs. Messrs. A. Sinclair and J. Rumple be a committee to meet at Sharon church at their earliest convenience after the ordination of Mr. Johnston, and install him pastor of that church. That Rev. J. Rumple preach the sermon and give the charge to the people; that Rev. A. Sinclair preside, propose

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the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the pastor. That Rev. E.T. Rockwell be alternate to Rev. Jethro Rumple; and Rev. D.A. Penick, be alternate to Rev. A. Sinclair. Respectfully Submitted:

(Signed) H.L. Pharr, Chas. J. Alexander } Com.

Report of Com. of F. Missions on the continuance of an Evangelist in the field.

The Executive committee of domestic Missions presented their report on the paper referred to them touching the continuance of our Evangelist in the field, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee to whom was referred the whole matter touching the Evangelist would report - That after prayerful consideration, we feel that it is of the utmost importance that the Presbytery should not go back. We all duly appreciate the arduous self denying and successful labors of our faithful Evangelist. We are also of the opinion that he should be continued in the field. But days of tribulation are upon us in the church and nation such as none of us have ever before witnessed. And the end of these things is only known to that Being who sees the end from the beginning. Pecuniary embarrassments must be deeply felt in every avocation of life. It would be worse than folly to promise a salary, which we have no reasonable prospect, under the emergency, would be realized. Without undervaluing the efficient labors of our faithful Evangelist; but with a view of bringing our expenditures within our income, we unanimously recommend the reappointment of Rev. J. Rankin, as an Evangelist for the space of 8 months during the coming year; his commission to begin April 1st 1862, at a Salary of $600.00 -

All of which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

Overture to Synod.

Resolved - That this Presbytery overture the Synod of North Carolina to request the Governor to appoint a day for Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer, in view of the peculiar condition of our country.

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The following parts of trial were assigned Mr. J. H. Gourley, as candidate for the ministry; viz; Latin Exegesis— "An Christus sit Deus"? For a critical exercise— Rom. V. 18—21:— For a Lecture— Ps. I.— For a popular Sermon— Rom. V. 11:

The committee on Supplies presented their report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Supplies.

R. B. Anderson, and J. D. Hall, spend one Sabbath each at Dallas:
L. A. Penick, Sr. and H. N. Thorn, one week each in Monroe and Union County.
R. H. Lafferty, and R. S. Davis, one Sabbath each at Shelby.
W. B. Watts one Sabbath at Bethesda.
R. Burwell, and L. A. Penick, Jr. one Sabbath each at Bethesda.
J. Rumple, and J. D. Parks, one week each in Yadkin County.
R. D. Beall is requested to spend one week in Yadkin County.
R. J. Johnston one week in Anson County.
B. L. Rhodes one Sabbath at Tabor.
Wm. S. Morrison 2 Sabbaths at Flat creek, and two weeks in Henderson County.
J. D. Wilson one week in Ashe County, and 3 Sabbath afternoons at Salem.
N. Shotwell one Sabbath each at Sandy Plains, and Duncans creek.
Thomas N. Payton 5 Sabbaths at Evansville.
S. C. Miller one Sabbath each at Bethany and Bethesda.
John C. Carson at Sandy Plains— Monthly.
In all cases the brethren spend several days in connection with the Sabbath, and administer the Lords supper where desired and deemed proper.
All the brethren not included in the above specification will spend one Sabbath at discretion.

Vote of thanks.

Resolved— That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the members of this church and community for their kindness and hospitality, and also to the Methodist church for the use of their house of worship during the present sessions; and that this Resolution be publicly announced

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The roll was called, and the minutes of today were read, corrected, and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Prospect church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Oct 1861 at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with singing, prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. Burwell, Mod'r.

R. S. Davis, } Temporary Clerks.
B. L. Rhodes, }

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without proceeding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. Walter L. Pharr, Daniel Lindsley, James E. Morrison, Wm. S. Morrison, E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Pharr, D. D. Wm. C. Shutz, L. A. Penick, Jr. J. C. Stewart, and John D. Wilson.

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: Mallard creek, Unity, (Lincoln Co.), Macpelah, Monroe, College church, Dallas, Fox creek, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Goshen, New Hope, Shelby, Rutherfordton and Little Britain, Asheville, Sandy Plains, Beulah, Siloam, Pleasant Hill, Morganton, Ebenezer and Franklin (Macon Co.), Waxhaw, Bethel, Hendersonville, Davidson River, Mills River, Savannah, Bethpage and Center, Duncans creek, Evansville, Tabor, Newton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Franklin (Rowan Co.), Concord Town, and Shiloh.

Adjourned meeting of the Presbytery of Concord at Prospect church, Oct. 18th 1861.

The Revs. Messrs. H. N. Shaw and Stephen Frontis being the only members present at Prospect church at 11 o'clock A.M. on Friday, Oct. 18th, the time designated by Presbytery;- they agreed to adjourn till 12 o'clock, M. Meanwhile a sermon was preached by Rev. H. N. Shaw.

After sermon, another member having arrived, Presbytery was called to order by the Rev. H. N. Shaw and constituted with prayer. Present: Revs. Messrs. H. N. Shaw, Stephen Frontis, Walter W. Shaw, and Mr. Joseph Rumple, Ruling Elder from Prospect church.

The Rev. H. N. Shaw was appointed Moderator, and Rev. Stephen Frontis temporary clerk. Presbytery took a recess to meet again in 40 minutes to hear the trial sermon of our candidate for ordination, Mr. W. B. Watts.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Rev. D. A. Penick, St. appeared in Presbytery and took his seat. Mr. W. B. Watts preached his trial sermon from the text assigned him; viz: Ps. LI. 5: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me". After this, Presbytery took a recess to meet again at 6 o'clock, P.M. at the house of Rev. Stephen Frontis.

House of Rev. Stephen Frontis.
6 o'clock, P.M.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to examine our candidate, Mr. W. B. Watts on experimental religion - Moral Philosophy - natural and revealed religion - Ecclesiastical History - Church Government; together with the Greek and Hebrew Languages. Presbytery being satisfied with this examination, the whole was sustained, together with the trial sermon preached by our candidate on this day.

Whereupon it was Resolved - That Presbytery will proceed on tomorrow

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morning to ordain Mr. W. B. Watts to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry and to install him pastor over the church of Prospect.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock, at Prospect church. Closed with prayer.

Saturday morning, Oct 19th 1861
10½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

In accordance with the order of Presbytery, the Rev. Walter W. Shaw preached the ordination sermon; after which, the Rev. H. N. Shaw, appointed to preside on this occasion, made known from the pulpit the proceedings of the Presbytery preparatory to this transaction; propound to our candidate, Mr. W. B. Watts, and to the congregation the usual questions, which being answered in the affirmative; W. B. Watts was by prayer, with the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, solemnly ordained to the holy office of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the church of Prospect. Rev. H. N. Shaw delivered a charge to the newly ordained pastor; and Rev. D. A. Penick, St. delivered a charge to the people.

Ordination of W. B. Watts.

Rev. W. B. Watts name was then ordered to be enrolled among the standing members of this Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Raleigh, during the sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

H. N. Shaw, Mod.
Stephen Frontis, temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of Thirty Six Ministers, and have under their care Seventy churches, Three Licentiates, and One Candidate; that on the 27th day of Oct 1864, they dismissed the Rev. J. C. Alexander to connect himself with the Presbytery of Fayetteville; that on the 6th day of Dec. 1864, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. Wm. A. Wood and the churches of Bethany, Tabor, and Fifth creek, and declared said churches vacant; that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Wm. A. Wood to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 12th day of April 1864, they received as a member on certificate the Rev. H. N. Pharr from the Presbytery of East Alabama; that on the same day they received on certificate as a member the Rev. J. S. Bass from the Presbytery of Ouachita, Ark.; that on the 13th day of April 1864, they dismissed the Rev. Drury Lacy, D.D. to connect himself with the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they dismissed as a Licentiate, James C. Alexander with a view of placing himself under the care of the Presbytery of Orange; that on the same day they licensed W. B. Watts, and R. J. Johnston, to preach the gospel as probationers for the holy ministry; that on the 25th day of May 1864, they installed Rev. H. N. Pharr pastor over the church of Philadelphia; that on the 26th day of May 1864, they organized the church of Flat Creek in Buncombe county; that on the same day they dissolved the church of Reems creek in Buncombe county, and erased its name from their roll of churches; that on the 22d day of June 1864, they installed the Rev. H. N. Pharr over the church of Bethlehem; that on the 10th day of July 1864, they received on certificate as a member the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. from the Presbytery of Charleston; that on the day of Aug. 1864, they organized the church of Castanea Grove in Gaston county; that on the 12th day of Oct 1864, they installed the Rev. R. Burwell pastor over the church of Pee creek; that on the 15th day of Oct 1864, they ordained to the full work of the ministry W. B. Watts and installed him over the church of Prospect and that on the 26th day of Oct. 1864, they installed the Rev. W. B. Watts over the church of Beck creek.

By order of Presbytery

Oct 31st 1864

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Examined & approved thus far with three exceptions. —

1. On page 465. No mention is made that the commissioners from the church of Washington N.C had been regularly authorized by Orange Presbytery to prosecute the call for the services of Rev Wm A. Wood.

2. On page 469. We find a dissent from the action of Presbytery in finding a call in order from the Third Creek for the services of Rev. W. A. Wood, which was made out two months before that church became vacant; we deem said action irregular & are of opinion that the Presbytery's reply to said dissent is wholly insufficient. —

3. pp 520 & 521. It appears that two calls were made for "pro re nata" meetings to be held, the one at 10 o'clock & the other

of 11 oclock the same day, to transact separate & distinct items of business; it also appears that the second meeting was never held, but Presbytery proceeded without adjournment & reorganization to transact the special business of the second meeting at the continued sessions of the first.

This was irregular & contrary to the Book of Govt. Ch 10. Sect. 10. —

Synod of North Carolina in session at Raleigh N.C. Nov 1st 1861. E Hines, Moderator

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At Synod:

Raleigh, Friday Nov. 1st 1861

12 oclock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Present: Ministers: Revs Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Robert Burwell, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D, Hon N. Paxton, Walter W. Hoard, G. D. Parks, J. Rumple, Wm W. Hoard, A. Sinclair, N. Shotwell, R. H. Lafferty, J. C. Stewart, D.D. Hoke, H. N. Hoard, R. N. Davis, W. B. Watts: Ruling Elders, Messrs M. D. Johnston, A. H. Mayr, Jacob Hoke, Sandy McKinley, J. D. Price, E. R. Harris, and H. Williams.

William M. Kilpatrick was received under our care, as a Licentiate, on certificate, from the Presbytery of Orange.

Rev. Jesse Rankin informed Presbytery that he accepted of his re appointment as Evangelist for Presbytery for 8 months during the next year.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Providence church on

Friday before the 3d Sabbath in Nov. 1861, at 11 oclock, A.M. Closed with prayer.

R. Burwell, Modr.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Providence Church, Mecklenburg County, N.C.

Friday, Nov 15th 1861.

11 oclock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and having spent a season in religious services suitable to the day, as a day of Fasting, Humiliation, and Prayer as recommended by the President, was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Present: Ministers: Revs Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D, R. Burwell, and G. D. Parks. Ruling Elders. Messrs J. N. Reid, Charles J. Alexander, and H. A. Query.

Rev. G. D. Parks was appointed temporary clerk.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will hear the trial sermon of R. Z. Johnston to-morrow morning at 11 oclock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 oclock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, Nov 16th 1861. 9 oclock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

It was Resolved. That inasmuch as our candidate for ordination R. Z. Johnston, had been previously examined by Presbytery on the literary course of studies, his examination now be limited to Theology, Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments. Presbytery proceeded with his examination on these subjects.

Rev. H. N. Hoard appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Providence Church, Saturday Nov. 16th 1861.

Presbytery took a recess to meet in the church to attend to the order of the day viz: hearing the trial sermon of the candidate for ordination, R.J. Johnston.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. Johnston delivered his trial sermon.

A paper from Charleston Presbytery was presented, certifying that Mr. S.C. Alexander, a licentiate under its care was in good and regular standing; and that at his own request he was dismissed to put himself under the care of Concord Presbytery. He was accordingly received under our care as a licentiate.

Calls for the ministerial services of S.C. Alexander were presented from the churches of Steele creek and Pleasant Hill, which being read and found in order, were ordered to be placed in his hands for consideration.

Mr. Alexander signified his willingness to accept these calls; whereupon it was Resolved. That Presbytery will hold an adjourned meeting at Steele creek church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Dec. 1861, at 11 o'clock A.M.; and that S.C. Alexander prepare and preach a sermon on Gal. III. 24 and prepare for examination according to the Book of Discipline. That Rev J.D. Hall preach the sermon; Rev R. Burwell preside, propose the constitutional questions, and deliver the charge to the people; and Rev H.N. Pharr deliver the charge to the pastor; that Rev A. Sinclair be alternate to Rev J.D. Hall; Rev R.H. Lafferty be alternate to Rev R. Burwell, and Rev G.D. Parks be alternate to Rev H.N. Pharr.

Presbytery having completed the examination of R.J. Johnston, it was Resolved. That the examination of R.J. Johnston preparatory to his ordination be and it hereby is sustained in all its parts as satisfactory and that on to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock Presbytery will proceed with the ordination and installation.

Rev H.N. Pharr obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Providence Church Saturday Nov. 16th 1861.

Rev J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. was appointed to preside at the ordination to-morrow and propose the constitutional questions.

The minutes of to-day were read corrected and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Sabbath, Nov. 17th 1861 11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and proceeded with the services connected with the ordination of R.J. Johnston.

The sermon was preached by Rev [redacted] J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. after which Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded with the unfinished business. Rev J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. presiding, proposed the constitutional questions to the candidate and the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, R.J. Johnston was ordained to the full work of the holy ministry by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, and was installed pastor of the church of Providence.

A charge was then delivered to the newly ordained pastor by the Rev R. Burwell; and a charge was delivered to the congregation by the Rev G.D. Parks.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Steele creek on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Dec. 1861, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. Burwell, Mod'r
G.D. Parks, Temporary clerk.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Steele creek Church, Mecklenburg County, N.C.
Friday, Dec. 20th 1861
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer. Present: Ministers: Revs. Messrs R. Burwell, J.H. Wood, and R.H. Lafferty: Ruling Elder, Mr. Thos D. Price.

Presbytery proceeded to hear the trial sermon of the candidate for ordination, S.C. Alexander.

Rev. H.N. Shaw appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

Presbytery took a recess of 20 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. Mr. J.M. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from the church of Sugar creek, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

Presbytery proceeded to examine S.C. Alexander on experimental religion; Natural, Moral, and Mental, Sciences.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the house of Mr. R.W. McDowell this evening at the call of the Moderator.

After recess.

Presbytery met at the house of Mr. R.W. McDowell at the call of the Moderator at 6 o'clock P.M., and proceeded with the unfinished business; viz: the examination of Mr. Alexander. He was examined on Theology, natural and revealed; Ecclesiastical History; Greek, and Hebrew; and the Sacraments.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr. R.W. McDowell. Saturday Dec. 21st 1861
8 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as on yesterday. Proceeded with the unfinished business. Mr. Alexander was examined on Church Government, and Discipline.

Steele creek Church. Saturday, Dec. 21st 1861

The examination of Mr. Alexander having been brought to a close, the following resolution was unanimously adopted; viz:

Resolved. That the examination of S.C. Alexander in all its parts be and it hereby is sustained as satisfactory, and that Presbytery will proceed with his ordination and installation to-day at 11 o'clock, A.M.

Rev. R.H. Lafferty was appointed to preside at this ordination, and propose the constitutional questions.

Presbytery took a recess to meet at the church of Steele creek at 11 o'clock, A.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The following committee was appointed to install Mr. Alexander over the church of Pleasant Hill, at their earliest convenience; viz: Rev. J.B. Parks to preach the sermon and preside; Rev. R.J. Johnston to deliver the charge to the pastor; and Rev. W.B. Watts to deliver the charge to the people.

Presbytery proceeded with the ordination services. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J.B. Hall. Rev. R.H. Lafferty presided, and propose the constitutional questions to the candidate and the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative Samuel Carruthers Alexander was by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry, and installed pastor of the church of Steele Creek. Rev. H.N. Shaw delivered the charge to the newly ordained pastor; and Rev. R. Burwell delivered the charge to the congregation.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Olney church Gaston County, N.C. on Thursday, April 10th 1862, at 11 o'clock A.M. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

R. Burwell, Mod.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk

"Pro re nata" meeting.

Charlotte, N. C.
Thursday, Jan. 23d 1862.
11 o'clock, A.M.

In accordance with a call of the Moderator, for a "Pro re nata" meeting the object of which was stated in the Moderator's circular, the Presbytery accordingly convened in the church of Charlotte at 11 o'clock, A.M. Jan. 23d 1862, and was constituted with prayer. Present:

Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D.,	Messrs. E. Hy. Hutchison, M.D.,
R. Burwell,	Ira Parks,
S. C. Pharr, D.D.,	Michael Brown,
J. Rumple,	C. J. Alexander,
A. Sinclair,	Wm. Tiddy,
R. Z. Johnston,	Robert Henderson.
R. N. Davis.	

Revd R. N. Davis was appointed temporary clerk.

The Moderator then read the request of two Ministers and two Ruling Elders, calling for this "pro re nata" meeting, which is as follows; viz:

To Rev. R. Burwell, Mod.

You are hereby requested to call a meeting of Concord Presbytery to be held in the town of Charlotte on Thursday the 23d day of Jan. inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relation now existing between the Rev. A. Sinclair and the church at Charlotte; and also to grant him a letter of his ecclesiastical status.

Charlotte, Jan. 10th 1862. (Signed) B. Scott Rudisill, A. Sinclair, } Ministers:
Ira Parks, John Wolfe, } Elders.

Charlotte Church, Thursday, Jan. 23d 1862.

Rev. A. Sinclair formally presented a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Charlotte.

The Commissioners, duly appointed by the church, were then heard. The congregation having united in the request of Rev. A. Sinclair, the request was granted, and the church of Charlotte was declared vacant.

The Stated clerk was directed, if Rev. A. Sinclair desire it, to furnish him with a certificate of good and regular standing.

Presbytery, having transacted the business for which it had been convened, adjourned "sine die".

Closed with prayer.

R. Burwell, Mod.
R. N. Davis, Temporary clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Olney Church, Gaston county, N. C.
Thursday, April 10th 1862.
11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator Rev. R. Burwell, from 1. Peter II. 17: "Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king." Constituted with prayer.

Present: Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin,	Messrs. Isaac Erwin,
R. Burwell.	Robert Henderson.

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Ministers:	Ruling Elders:
Rev. Messrs. S. C. Shaw, D.D.,	Messrs. Jas. W. McGinn,
E. F. Rockwell,	J. J. Bruner,
R. J. Johnston,	Samuel W. Craig,
W. B. Watts,	Jas. L. Oates,
R. N. Davis,	Wm. S. Dixon,
J. L. Hall,	James McFarland,
J. S. Bates,	J. S. Watts,
Wm. Graves.	S. A. Torrance,
	Wm. Tiddy,
	T. N. Alexander,
	Wm. McGinnis,
	A. G. Neal,
	Ira Parks.

Election of officers. Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. W. B. Watts for Moderator, and Rev. R. N. Davis, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, for temporary clerks. Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess

Members appear in Presbytery. Presbytery met. Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. Rumple, B. L. Rhodes, and J. L. Parks, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness took their seats. Messrs. Wm. B. McLean, Ruling Elder from the church of Unity (Lincoln Co.), Wm. M. Holland, Ruling Elder from the church of Olney, D. A. Caldwell, Ruling Elder from the church of Bethel, J. R. Graham, Ruling Elder from the church of Thyatira, and Wm. L. Harris, Ruling Elder from the church of Poplar Tent, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats as members.

Corresponding member. Rev. Wm. Ratchford of the Independent Presbyterian church, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Olney church, Thursday, April 11th 1862

Minutes read. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, the adjourned meetings, and the "Pro re nata" meeting were read.

Report of those appointed to perform missionary labor. Those appointed at the last meeting to supply vacant churches and perform missionary labor were called on to state whether they had attended to the duty assigned them, when it appeared that but few of these appointments had been attended to.

Members appear in Presbytery. Rev. Messrs. S. C. Alexander, J. A. Penick, Jr., and J. C. Stewart appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for their tardiness took their seats.

Members assign reasons for absence. Rev. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, S. C. Shaw, D.D., J. A. Penick, Jr., and J. C. Stewart, assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Presbytery.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery spend one half hour each morning in prayer in behalf of our country, and that this order supersede the usual time spent in devotional Exercises.

It was Resolved. That the fund collected for the support of a missionary in Cherokee county be thrown into the general Missionary fund.

Appointment of committees. The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises. Rev. J. L. Hall, Rev. J. L. Parks, and Wm. M. Holland.

On Supplies. Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, E. F. Rockwell, and A. G. Neal.

On Narrative. Rev. Messrs. S. C. Shaw, D.D., J. J. Rumple, and S. W. Craig.

Judicial committee. Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., B. L. Rhodes, and T. N. Alexander.

Rev. B. L. Beall received from Bethel Presbytery. Rev. B. L. Beall presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Bethel. He was examined, in the usual order, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received as a member and his name entered upon the roll of Presbytery.

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Letters of excuse from absentees.

Letters were received and read from Rev. Messrs. J. S. Kirkpatrick D.D. Stephen Frontis, J. C. Carson, W. S. Moore, R. H. Chapman, D.D. and J. K. Paxton, assigning reasons for absence from the present meeting.

Call from Bethel declined & Rev. R. B. Anderson.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr. R. B. Anderson from the church of Bethel for one half of his time promising a salary of $300.00 was received and read, and being in due form was placed in his hands for consideration.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in this house to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, April 11th 1862.
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in Devotional Exercises.

Roll called.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Member appears in Pres.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr. appeared in Presbytery and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

Standing Rules read.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Commissioners to the Gen. Ass. report.

Our Commissioners to the General Assembly at Augusta, Ga. last Dec. Reported, Dr. Morrison verbally, and Dr. Chapman by Letter, that they had attended to the duty assigned them as Commissioners.

Appointment of committees to examine sessional records.

The Moderator announced the following committees to examine sessional records, viz:

To examine the sessional records of Asheville, Back Creek, and Bethany — Rev. Jesse Rankin, and Mr. Isaac Erwin.

Bethel, Bethesda, and Bethlehem — Rev. R. Burwell, and J. W. McGinn.

Bethpage, Beulah, Centre, and Charlotte — Rev. S. C. Thorne D.D. and Mr. J. J. Brenner.

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College Church, Concord, Concord Town, and Dallas — Rev. E. F. Rockwell, and Samuel W. Craig.

Davidson River, Brusilla, Duncans creek, and Ebenezer — Rev. R. J. Johnston, and J. P. Oates.

Fifth creek, Fourth creek, and Franklin (Macon co.) Rev. R. N. Davis, and James McFarland.

Franklin (Rowan co.), Goshen, Hendersonville, and Waiasee — Rev. J. T. Hall, and Wm. L. Dixon.

Hopewell, Joppa, Lebanon, and Lenoir — Rev. J. Bain, and J. L. Watts.

Lincolnton, Long creek, and Little Brittain — Rev. R. H. Lafferty, and J. A. Torrance.

Machpelah, Mallard creek, Marion, and Mills River — Rev. Jethro Rumple, and Wm. Tiddy.

Monroe, Morganton, New Hope, and Newton — Rev. B. S. Rowland, and T. N. Alexander.

Olney, Paw creek, and Philadelphia — Rev. J. D. Parks, and Wm. McGinnis.

Pleasant Hill, Poplar Tent, Prospect, and Providence — Rev. B. L. Beall, and A. G. Neal.

Ramah, Flat creek, and Rocky River — Rev. D. C. Mayes D.D. and [illegible]

Rutherfordton, Salem, Salisbury, and Sandy Plains — Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr. and Wm. McLelland.

Sharon, Shelby, Shiloh, and Silcam — Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr. and D. A. Caldwell.

Steele Creek, Sugar creek, and Shannanoa — Rev. J. C. Stewart and J. M. Graham.

Tabor, Taylorsville, and Third Creek — Rev. Wm. Graves, and W. L. Harris.

Thyatira, Unity (Lincoln co.) and Unity (Rowan co.) — Messrs. Wm. Parks, and E. Key Whitehorn.

Wilkesboro, Withesboro, and Castanea Grove — Rev. Walter W. Hoyt

Com. to audit Treas. of Presbytery.

Messrs. A. G. Neal, and Dr. Wm. B. McLean, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurers of Presbytery.

The Treasurers of the Committee of Education, and of Church Extension

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Reports of Treasury of Education and Domestic Extension.

presented his reports, which were referred to an auditing committee consisting of Revs B. S. Hedrick, and Mr. W. S. Harris.

Report of committee to visit Bethesda church.

The committee appointed at the last semi-annual meeting to visit the church of Bethesda, and adjust difficulties existing there – Reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the difficulties in said church have been satisfactorily adjusted. This report was thankfully approved.

Com. to examine minutes of Synod.

Revs. Messrs R. Burwell, T. A. Penick, Jr and Wm B. McLean, were appointed a committee to examine the minutes of Synod.

Call from Concord Town &c. for Wm. M. Kilpatrick.

A call from the church of Concord Town for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm. M. Kilpatrick promising a salary of $600.00, was presented and read, and being in due form was placed in his hands for consideration.

Letter from Rev. R. H. Chapman &c. asking for dissolution of pastoral relation.

A letter from Rev. R. H. Chapman, was received and read asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Asheville. As there was no communication before Presbytery from the church of Asheville on this subject, it was Resolved – That the church of Asheville be cited to appear before this Presbytery, by their commissioners, in Concord Town on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May 1862 at 11 o'clock, A. M. to show cause if any they have why the pastoral relation existing between Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. and the church of Asheville should not be dissolved.

Com. to examine minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

Revs. Messrs T. A. Penick, Sr. R. H. Lafferty, and Mr. A. G. Neal, were appointed to examine the minutes of the General Assembly.

The Statistical Reports of church sessions were handed in and read.

Member appears in Presbytery.

Rev. Walter W. Hoge appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, took his seat.

Presbytery proceeded to the standing order of the day; viz: Hearing the Report of the Agent of Domestic Missions. The report was read, and after addresses on the subject, it was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee on Domestic Missions submit to Concord Presbytery the following Report of their operations

Report of Com. on Domestic Missions.

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for the past year. They have had in commission five Missionaries.

1. Rev. J. Rankin, Evangelist, from Jan. 1861–2. Salary $1000.00
2. Rev. Wm Graves in Haywood and Jackson, Aug. 1861–1. Salary $250.00.
3. Rev. Wm L. Moore, Franklin & Ebenezer, Nov. 1861–1. " $ 250.00
4. Rev. J. E. Morrison, Anson County – Jan. 1861–2. " $ 250.00
5. Rev. J. C. Carson, Sandy Plains (⅓ of his time) Jan. 1861–2 " $ 75.00.

Making an aggregate of $1825.00 paid during the past year.

The committee have now in commission five Missionaries:

1. Rev. J. Rankin, Evangelist – April Nov. 1862 – Salary – $600.00,
2. Rev. J. E. Morrison – Anson county – Jan. 1862–3 – " $200.00.
3. Rev. Wm L. Moore, Macon county – Nov. 1861–2. " $250.00,
4. Rev. J. C. Kennedy – Cherokee – Nov. 1861 – April 1862. – " $125.00
5. Rev. J. C. Carson – New Salem – Jan. 1862–3 (⅓ of his time) " – $ 60.00

Making an aggregate of $1235.00, or $590.00, less than was expended last year.

Your committee hope that the churches will enable them to support this corps of Missionaries, and even to add to this force, by occupying some unsupplied posts. Your committee desire to record with gratitude that our Missionaries have been able to labor without much hinderance, that the means of grace have been generally well attended, and that a few have been gathered into the church of Christ. But it must be confessed that if we support even the present force, the churches must respond more liberally. The Treasury has been during the past year poorly supplied, and sometimes overdrawn, while many drafts were unpaid. We begin our new year with arrearages unpaid to the amount of $500.00 – At the same time your Treasurer has received only $753.55 cts at this meeting. Unless special efforts are made, not much will be received during the interval of Presbyteries. These things ought not so to be. While it is true that our

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country is in the midst of a terrible struggle for freedom, it is also true that money is more plentiful than ever, and the produce of the farm and the factory are bringing highly remunerating prices.

The self-denying Missionary suffers enough in the enhancement of the price of articles of prime necessity, without bearing the additional and unjust burden of a diminished or tardily paid salary. In view of these facts your committee would urge the churches to increased liberality in support of this great enterprize. While the powers of darkness are working with frenzied energy, let the powers of light be exerted with corresponding zeal. Let us endeavor, not merely to hold in check the progress of vice, but to make inroads upon the dominion of Satan. We would furthermore suggest to Presbytery the propriety of some well concerted efforts for supplying the destitute Regiments of our state troops with the means of grace, and would recommend the raising of a judicious committee to mature, if possible, some scheme to effect this desirable end. (Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Ch. & Rep. Com.

J. Rumple, Secy.

Stated Clerk to write to delinquent churches

The Stated Clerk was directed to write to all delinquent churches to send up their statistical reports, that they may be entered in the statistical report of Presbytery to the General Assembly.

Auditing com.

Revs. B. L. Rider, and Wm. Harris, were appointed a committee to examine the book and accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Ruling Elder appears

J. X. Johnston, M.D., Ruling Elder from the church of Castanea Grove appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Com. & motion relative to supplying army with means of grace.

Revs. Messrs. D. D. Pemick, Sr. R. H. Morrison, D.D., and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, were appointed a committee on the subject of maturing some scheme for supplying our soldiers with the means of grace.

Presbytery took a recess of 40 minutes.

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After Recess.

Presbytery met. Rev. E. F. Rockwell obtained leave of absence after the sessions of today.

Call accepted.

Mr. R. B. Anderson signified his willingness to accept the call from Bethel elected placed in his hands for consideration: Whereupon Mr. L. A. Caldwell, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his ordination and installation.

Rev. Wm. C. Shultz appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for his late attendance took his seat.

Calls from Bethany and Fifth Creek for the pastoral services of Rev. L. S. Mumbland.

Calls from the churches of Bethany and Fifth Creek for the pastoral services of Rev. L. S. Mumbland, the former promising a salary of $225.00 for one third of his time, and the latter promising a salary of $200.00 for one third of his time, were presented and read; but in as much as Rev. L. S. Mumbland is not a member of this Presbytery, but is a member of West Hanover Presbytery and in as much as it is understood that he is expecting to connect himself with this Presbytery by certificate, therefore - Resolved - That these calls be for the present laid on the table.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison appointed temporary treasurer.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison was appointed temporary treasurer to receive all moneys for the fund for the relief of disabled Ministers, and the families of deceased ministers.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 3 o'clock to appoint Commissioners to the General Assembly.

J. J. Kennedy taken under care of Presby as a candidate.

Mr. J. J. Kennedy, a member of the church of Fourth Creek, was introduced to Presbytery with a view of being taken under its care as a candidate for the Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his motives in seeking the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was received under the care of Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry.

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Com. to examine acct. Kennedy.

The committee on Sciences was directed to examine Mr. Kennedy on science and report to Presbytery.

Com. to prepare a sketch of the Life of Rev. W. S. Shaw.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Dr. E. F. Rockwell, and Wm. S. Harris, were appointed a committee to prepare a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. W. S. Shaw.

Com. to prepare brief notice of death of Rev. W. S. Shaw.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D.D. Walter W. Shaw, and J. J. Bruner, were appointed a committee to prepare a brief notice of the death of Rev. W. S. Shaw.

Com. to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Dr. Wm. R. Mebane, and Rev. J. Rumple, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College.

Com. to nominate Trustees in Female College.

Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Shaw, R. H. Saffores, and Mr. A. G. Neal, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for the Female College.

Res. on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks.

The following paper was presented, amended, and adopted; viz:

Whereas the manufacture and indiscriminate sale of intoxicating spirits for use as a beverage are justly regarded as a surpassing cause of misery and ruin, physical, social, and moral, and whereas there are members in some of our churches engaged in such manufacture and sale, thus aiding in the ruin instead of the salvation of our race—Therefore

1. Resolved—That this Presbytery feel solemnly called on to bear testimony against this evil in our churches, to declare it as their conviction that such a work is utterly inconsistent with the christian profession, under the great light which God by his word and providence has thrown on the subject, and well calculated not only to injure the souls of those engaged in it, but also the cause of religion in the church which tolerates it.

2. Resolved—That it is the solemn duty of the session of any church in which a member or members are thus employed, to use all prudent efforts to bring them to see the evil of this way, and to endeavor by kind, but earnest entreaty to induce them to forsake it.

3. Resolved—That where these efforts fail to produce the desired end, and the member so dealt with manifests a determination to continue his work, regardless of the instructions of God's word and the wishes of his brethren in Christ, it shall be the duty of the session of that church to remove him from the sacred privileges of a communicant until he repent and forsake his employment.

4. Resolved—That the foregoing preamble and Resolutions be published in the North Carolina Presbyterian, and read publicly in all our churches.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock to hear reports of committees on sessional records.

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions presented their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows; viz: Olney Church, Gaston Co. April 11th 1862.—The committee appointed to audit the account of Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of the Board for Domestic Missions ask leave to report that they have examined the same, including all the payments to the present date, and find proper vouchers to sustain them. The balance now in his hands amounts to $625.85 cts. (Signed) Wm. S. Harris. } Com. D. S. Rider. }

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Education.

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Education committee presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows; viz: Olney Church, April 1862. The undersigned appointed by Presbytery a committee to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Education would report that they have discharged the duty assigned them and find it correct, and now in his hands the sum of six Hundred and seventy eight 78/100 Dollars. (Signed) D. Scott Rider. } Com. Wm. S. Harris. }

Report of Com. to audit accounts of Treasurer of Church Extension.

The committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension committee presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz: Olney Church, Gaston Co. 10th April 1862. The undersigned appointed by Presbytery a committee to examine the

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accounts and report of the Treasurer of the committee of the Board of church Extension, have discharged the duty assigned them, and find now in his hands the sum of Seven Hundred and seventy seven Dollars.

(Signed) B. Scott Rider } Com.
Wm. S. Harris }

The committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery, made a report, which was approved, and is as follows, viz:

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Report of Com. to audit the accounts of Treasurer of Presbytery.

The undersigned committee appointed to audit the account of the Treasurer of Presbytery report that they have found them correctly kept, the payments sustained by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance on hand of Two Hundred and twenty dollars forty eight cts. $220.48cts.

(Signed) A. G. Neal, } Com.
W. B. McLean }

Surplus funds in Treasury to be handed over to Com. Missions

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay over to the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions all the surplus funds in hand.

Com. to assess the churches.

Revs. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, J. Rumple, and Mr. T. N. Alexander, were appointed a committee to revise and equalize the assessments of the churches.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. L. A. Caldwell, and Wm. B. McLean, obtained leave of absence after this evening.

Report of com. to examine J. J. Kennedy.

The committee on science reported that they had examined Mr. J. J. Kennedy on sciences, and recommended that this examination be sustained as part of trial. This report was adopted.

Report of com. to install Rev. R. Burwell over the church of Rocky creek.

The committee appointed to install Rev. R. Burwell over the church of Rocky creek reported that they discharged the duty assigned them on the 12th day of Oct. 1861.

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Commissioners appointed to Gen. Assembly.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz; the election of commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. and Walter W. Pharr; Messrs. R. L. McDowell, and A. G. Neal, were appointed Principals; and Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, G. D. Parks; Messrs. Wm. S. Harris, and J. K. Graham, were appointed alternates.

Place and time of next meeting.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in Lincolnton on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct. 1862, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

Funds to be forwarded to Publication Com.

The Treasurer of Publication was directed to forward the funds now in his hands to Rev. Wm. Brown, D.D. Secretary of the General Assembly's committee of Publication at Richmond, Va.

Mr. Kilpatrick accepts the call from Concord Sess.

Mr. Wm. M. Kilpatrick having signified his willingness to accept the call from the church of Concord Sess; Rev. B. S. Rider and Jos. Parks were appointed a committee to make arrangements for his ordination and installation.

Report of com. to install Rev. R. Z. Johnston over the church of Sharon.

The committee appointed to install Rev. R. Z. Johnston over the church of Sharon reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 16th day of Nov. 1861 they installed Rev. R. Z. Johnston over the church of Sharon. This report was adopted.

Report of com. to install Rev. W. B. Watts over the church of Back creek.

The committee appointed to install Rev. W. B. Watts over the church of Back creek, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 25th day of Oct. 1861 they installed Rev. W. B. Watts over the church of Back creek.

Trustees for Davidson College elected &c.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., R. Burwell; Messrs. Rufus Barringer, L.L. Ray Kendall, Wm. B. McLean, M.D., L. A. Caldwell, and E. H. Harris, to serve for four years.

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Trustees for Female College elected.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College reported the following which was adopted, viz: Rev. W. B. Watts, J. G. Ramsay, M.D., and Rev. R. H. Lafferty.

Report of Com. to examine Mr. Kennedy on languages.

The committee appointed to examine Mr. J. J. Kennedy on languages reported, recommending that his examination be sustained as a satisfactory part of trial. This report was adopted.

Com. to install Rev. S. C. Alexander now chaplain of Hearant Hill failed to perform the duty assigned them.

The committee appointed to install Rev. S. C. Alexander now chaplain of Hearant Hill reported that the duty assigned them had not been performed. The committee was continued.

Member obtains leave of absence.

Rev. G. D. Parks obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery after this evening.

Report of the Trustees of Concord Female College to Presbytery.

Rev. Walter W. Thorn presented the report of the Trustees of the Female College. This report was received and read and is as follows, viz:

To the Presbytery of Concord to meet at Olney Church, Gaston County N. C. April 10th 1862 the Female College would respectfully report

Nothing of special interest has transpired in our history since our report a year ago. Our last Fall session beginning with Aug. 1st 1861 was not quite so full as the preceding had been; not so full as the present commencing Jan. 1st 1862.

It was to be expected that the state of the country, consequent on the most calamitous and iniquitous war, would, in a greater or less degree operate against all schools.

Concord Female College – it may be, in part owing to its retired situation and remoteness from the rest of war – has suffered less than most other schools of a like kind. And can we see why – in situations like ours, free from danger, the studies in our Female Colleges should be interrupted. If our daughters are not educated when at the proper age, the most likelihood is that it will never be done. And surely our Female schools ought to be well

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supported, when it is remembered that at the times for the farmers who principally keep them up ever were better than just now, especially in this and the other grain growing states. In the cotton and rice states it is otherwise. There they cannot sell cotton; and on that they entirely depend for money. But within the bounds, from which our patronage is chiefly derived, it is widely different. Our farmers may, owing to the very great advance, in price, on every thing they produce for market, keep their daughters at school with ease – even where the expenses may be enhanced to correspond with the times.

Your Board of Trustees at its last meeting, July 3d 1861, did not add any thing to the price of boarding in the College, which it had formerly established. The Trustees at that time, it is presumed, had no apprehension, that provisions of all sorts, would, by this time, have so advanced in price. The rate of boarding in the College, for the present session, should have been at least $12.00 instead of $10.00 as formerly. We are paying nearly double, for some articles, the cost before the war; and for others more than double. We expect the Trustees at their next meeting will feel it to be necessary to raise the price of boarding, at least, during the very high cost of every thing for the table.

But should they find it necessary to put boarding at $15.00 per month, our farmers could as easily live at it, may more easily, than at the old rates. As they are getting double, and more than double for what they produce, why should they complain to pay double for what they receive? We do not expect however that the price of boarding will be doubled or near it.

How difficult it is to have the proper amount of study accomplished, and to have any thing like the order that should obtain, where a number of girls are thrown together, is much the best known to those who

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have made the trial. Some of our professors, however, do your school the honor, to say that more labor is here performed - better scholars are made, and that better order is maintained than in any school, of a like kind, with which they have been connected. These things, if so, are encouraging and ought to entitle your College to a share, at least, of the public patronage. It would surely be matter of regret, should the Presbytery be disappointed in her design in the establishment of such an institution. Considering the bounds of the Presbytery, and the number of daughters within her limits, we cannot bring ourselves to believe that the establishment of this school was an error of the judgment. Surely, the Presbytery has the daughters, and the means to educate them; and her establishment of a Female College within her bounds, says that she realizes the importance of Female education. And yet when we find - at her own school, not one pupil for every two of her own congregations, we are strongly tempted to conclude either that Presbytery did not need such a school, or that she has lost sight of the object for which it was instituted. We would not monopolize. Were Presbytery to send us but one pupil from each congregation we will be satisfied, which we think could not justly be charged with being an unreasonable request. Were all the daughters at school that should be within our bounds, the other Colleges would then be crowded until they could admit no more.

In conclusion we would say, that the Faculty of your College keep in mind that this is a school of the church; and they aim at giving that moral and religious instruction in the absence of which we believe the Presbytery would never have consented that a school of the kind should go into operation or under their control.

The Board of Trustees are exceedingly anxious - if possible - to keep your College in operation and not suspend on account of the war. With an

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eye to this end, it has greatly trimmed down the expenses without any serious detriment to the College. More than $1000.00 are annually saved to the institution in carrying on the domestic department compared with former years. In the department of teaching, the expenses are greatly reduced - this not to the injury of the school. And yet the Board feel that with all, your college, just now especially, needs the hearty co-operation of all the ministerial brethren, Ruling Elders, and friends of the Presbytery. The number of boarders in the College this session is over Thirty; whole number of pupils sixty four.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

April 8th 1862. (Signed) Committee.

The order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock was changed so as to take place immediately after the first order.

Amount to pay funds to Commissioners to Gen. Assembly.

The Treasurer of Presbytery was directed to pay to each one of our Commissioners to the General Assembly the sum of $15.00, and he was also directed to forward to the General Assembly $20.00 the sum of this Presbytery's assessment.

Com. Continued

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Presbytery to investigate the case in Mills River Church was continued [illegible]

Part of trial assigned by Com.

The committee appointed to assign parts of trial to Mr. J. J. Kennedy presented their report which was adopted, and is as following, to-wit: Exegesis - An anima naturali generatione procreata sit? Critical Exercise I. Peter III. 18, 19 & 20. Lecture on Eph. III. 1-3. Popular Sermon John IV. 23. Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

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8 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

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The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Report of Com. to make arrangements for ordination and installation of R. B. Anderson.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. R. B. Anderson presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of R. B. Anderson report the following: Mark VIII. 34. be his text for sermon. Rev. S. Frontis preside, propose the constitutional questions, and offer the ordaining prayer. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. preach the sermon — Rev. B. S. Roides deliver the charge to the pastor — Rev. W. B. Watts deliver the charge to the people. Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D. alternate to the Rev. S. Frontis, Rev. J. Finley, alternate to the Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D.; Rev. E. F. Rockwell alternate to Rev. B. S. Roides; and Rev. S. C. Shaw, D.D. alternate to Rev. W. B. Watts. These services if the way be open to take place on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May. (Signed) E. Sharpe Hutchison, Chairman of com.

Reports of Committees on Sessional Records.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: the hearing reports of the committees appointed to examine the sessional records. Reports were made on the following records approving them, and where exceptions were taken these were recorded in the books concerned; Fourth creek, Lincolnton, Long creek, Rocky River, Salisbury, Stake creek, Concord, Concord Town (with exceptions) Sharon and Providence, (with exceptions), Unity (Lincoln Co.), Olney, Shiloh (with exceptions) Poplar Tent Back creek, and Prospect.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. Messrs. R. Burwell, Wm. Graves, Mr. Wm. McGinnis, and Dr. E. E. Johnston, obtained leave of absence.

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds for the General Assembly presented their report which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the Assembly, and is as follows; viz:

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The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of religion in the Presbytery of Concord would respectfully present the following as a truthful exhibition of the internal history of the churches under our charge.

Narrative.

Many of our congregations have been prospered and blessed during the past ecclesiastical year. Prayer meetings have been established and conducted with telling effects upon the faith and piety of God's people. Sabbath schools and Bible classes have been kept up, and many of our children and youth have been brought up under wholesome instruction and solemn impressions made by divine truth. In most of our churches the attendance on the regularly appointed means of grace has been commendable, whilst all are called to lament the vacancy of pews occasioned by the absence of many young men in the army.

A few of the churches report a larger addition of members on examination than they have usually been accustomed to do. In consequence of the wicked war, and the necessary enlistment of many sons, husbands and brothers in the service of our country, there has been created a wide and deep realization of our dependance on the God of battles, and of the necessity of more earnest faith and continual prayer. But whilst these may be considered most cheering and hopeful indications of a returning sense of our religious duties, yet, still we have reasons for humiliation and penitence on account of our sins and imperfections. Intemperance has exerted its baleful and withering influence, and worldliness is the subject of almost universal complaint.

The special instruction of our colored population seems to be declining.

It is a matter of deep concern that so few of our prominent Elders and

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members are disposed to hear the devotions of God's people in public prayer. We also regret to state that some of our churches which are wealthy and intelligent are content to keep themselves so scantily supplied with the regular and constant means of grace. The contributions of the churches to benevolent objects, the indices of the inner life of each respective congregation and the fruits of the living principle of true faith, have not been in many cases equal to their former efforts, whilst to the honor and credit of a few they have increased their charities.

In some parts of our bounds there has been the spirit of litigation, and want of brotherly love.

We have reason to lament over the coldness and indifference which prevails amongst us on the subject of religion. There is urgent need of more faith, humble and incessant prayer, more liberal feeling, generosity, self-denial, and brotherly love; and we earnestly hope that as the Macedonian churches abounded in generous acts amid their deep poverty, our portion of Zion will also be purified by tribulation, and shine more brightly in the furnace of affliction.

The committee on supplies presented their report which was amended and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Supplies. The committee of supplies recommend the following appointments viz:
Revs. Messrs. J. L. Hall, and R. B. Anderson, each one Sabbath at Dallas.
Revs. Messrs. L. A. Penick, Sr. and L. A. Penick, Jr. one week each in Union county.
Rev. Wm. M. Kilpatrick one week in Stanly County.
Revs. Messrs. R. W. Lafferty, and R. N. Davis, each one Sabbath in Shelbyville.
Revs. Messrs. J. Rumple, and B. L. Beall, each one week in East Bend and Yadkin county.
Rev. Wm. N. Morrison two Sabbaths at Flat creek.
Rev. G. D. Parks two weeks in Henderson County.
Rev. J. L. Wilson one week in Ashe county.
Rev. N. Shotwell one week at Sandy Plains and in Polk county.
Rev. J. N. Paxton three Sabbaths at Trusilla.
Rev. Wm. L. Moore one week in Cherokee and Clay county.
Rev. Wm. Graves one week in Haywood and Jackson, each.
Rev. J. C. Alexander one Sabbath in Asheville.
Rev. W. B. Watts one Sabbath at Swannanoa.
Rev. J. C. Miller supply the church of Fourth creek while its pastor, Rev. Walter W. Hoss, is absent attending the meeting of the General Assembly.
Rev. J. C. Hoss D.D. one Sabbath each at Philadelphia and Bethlehem.
Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. one Sabbath
Rev. E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath at Ramah.
In all cases the brethren visiting places where there are organized churches, will be expected to administer the Lord's supper when it is desired and judged to be proper.
All brethren not mentioned by name are earnestly directed to seek out some vacant church or some destitute settlement and spend one week in missionary labor. – Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. Rankin } Com.
A. G. Neal. }

The committee appointed to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. W. S. Hoss, presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of com. to prepare a minute on the death of Rev. W. S. Hoss.

The committee appointed in reference to the death of Rev. W. S. Hoss respectfully present the following minute –

The Presbytery of Concord being called in the Providence of God to record the death of Rev. Henry Nelson Hoss would bear testimony to their great loss in the sudden and unexpected removal of a beloved and useful minister of the gospel.

For nearly 40 years his able and faithful labors in the vineyard of

Christ, and his amiable and exemplary deportment as a christian, had given him a strong hold upon the confidence of the community, and the affection of his brethren — Presbytery would express their deep and tender sympathy with his bereaved and afflicted Family and Churches. Whilst deeply impressed with the loss they have sustained, the members of Presbytery should improve this solemn event of a holy Providence and be admonished "to work while it is day, knowing that the night cometh in which no man can work".

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz; the report of the Agent on Education. The report was received and is as follows; viz;

Report of the Education committee.

The committee of Education regret to be able to make but a very meagre and unsatisfactory report of their doings during the past year.

The vile spirit has been sued during the year, and its effects especially upon our youth — as materially to cripple our operations — not only in securing suitable candidates for the ministry, but also in raising funds for their education. At the beginning of the year, we had under our care three beneficiaries — viz: Mr. J. H. George at Columbia Seminary — whose expenses the past year were $267.00 ✓

Mr. J. C. Faucette — whose expenses for the year were $234.15 cts. —

E. P. George, now in the army, to whom we paid $81.60 cts. As small as this number of candidates is, we have found it difficult to supply the means of supporting them. It is truly humiliating and disheartening that this, most important means of supplying ministers and building up the Redeemers kingdom is so meagerly and stintingly supplied. At the present rate of supplying ministers, whether educated at their own expense or that of the Presbytery; the vacant churches can never be supplied with pastors, and much less can our destitute missionary fields be furnished with missionaries — Never the less — there never was a time, when thoroughly qualified

and faithful ministerial laborers were more needed than the present. The funds now on hand are believed, in view of the increased expensiveness of education, to be insufficient to meet our engagements for the coming year. And yet we are expecting several additions to the present number of beneficiaries. In view, therefore, of the small number of beneficiaries, the low state of our funds, the great demand for ministers, and the reluctance of our people to contribute liberally to this cause; the committee earnestly beg all the brethren to remember this cause in their prayers, and to urge their people, not only to contribute more liberally of their substance to its support, but to dedicate their sons to the work of the ministry — if it shall please the Lord to accept them for that service. (Signed) R. A. Pinick — Chairman.

Ministers to preach on Education.

Each Minister of Presbytery was directed to preach on the subject of Education before the next meeting of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk was directed to answer the questions propounded in the Circular sent out by the General Assembly's Committee of Education.

The committee on the last Minutes of the last meeting of Synod reported that the minutes had not been put into their hands.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz;

Report of Com. on the Minutes of the Gen. Assembly.

The committee appointed upon the minutes of the General Assembly respectfully report — That having cursorily examined said minutes, they specify the following items as claiming the special attention of the Presbytery and her Churches; viz;

1. Respecting the report of the General Assembly's committee upon the report of the provisional committee on Foreign Missions; Part 2 — Resolutions, 2, 3, 4 & 5; especially 4 & 5. — pages 16 and 17 printed minutes.

2. Respecting the training of candidates for the ministry, and a day

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for concert prayer for Colleges &c - see page 23 - Resolutions 3 & 4. Resolved. That this General Assembly enjoins on all the officers of the church, and upon all the members thereof, the duty of seeking and aiding - when aid is needed - such pious youth of suitable talents as will devote themselves to the high, holy and indispensable work of the Gospel Ministry. ✓

Resolved - That this General Assembly designates the first Wednesday in June to be observed annually as a day of special prayer for the youth of our country; that the Almighty Grace of our God may sanctify them in their homes, their schools, their Colleges, and their Seminaries, to the great work of preaching the gospel to every creature - and that the churches take up a collection on that day for this purpose.

3. Respecting Domestic Missions - The committee propose for the adoption of the Presbytery the following Resolution; viz: Resolved - That this Presbytery will continue its present plan of Domestic Missionary operations for the present, enjoining ~~enjoining~~ enjoining it upon the churches to contribute liberally to the Domestic Missionary cause, and upon our Presbyterial Domestic Missionary committee to forward all their surplus funds to the General Assembly's Committee on Domestic Missions.

4. Respecting the subject of Systematic Benevolence - Pages 28 & 29. the last five paragraphs.

5. Respecting the publication of standard religious books, and a Sabbath school News paper, page 40 Resolutions 2 & 3.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, chairman.
R. H. Lafferty
A. G. Neal.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Wm. M. Kilpatrick over the church of Concord Town presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows; viz:

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Report of com. to make arrangements for ordination and installation of Wm. Kilpatrick.

The committee to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Wm. M. Kilpatrick report the following - Rev. V. S. be assigned him for his ordination sermon. Rev. R. Burrell preside, propose the constitutional questions and offer the ordaining prayer; Rev. D. C. Hart, D.D. be his alternate; Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr. delivers the charge to the pastor, and Rev. R. G. Johnston be his alternate; Rev. R. H. Lafferty delivers the charge to the people, and Rev. Wm. W. Hart be his alternate; Rev. J. Rumple preach the sermon, and Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr be his alternate. That when this Presbytery adjourn, it adjourn to meet at Concord Town on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock, A. M. (Signed) D. A. Penick } Com.
Ira Parks }

Report of Com. to make arrangements for supplying army with Chaplains.

The committee appointed to devise some plan for supplying our army with Chaplains presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz: The committee appointed to enquire what can be done towards aiding and supplying our army with Chaplains respectfully report - That there are grounds of encouragement to hope that the Confederate Government will increase the salary of Chaplains in the army to $100.00 per month, and rations, giving them the grade of the Captaines.

Should this governmental provision be made, the committee recommend that the Presbytery strongly encourage such of our ministers, whether pastors or Stated supplies, as can feel it to be their duty or make it practicable; to accept appointments to the Chaplaincy as most important fields of usefulness.

Should the governmental provision fail to be consummated the the committee recommend that Presbytery earnestly

advise such of our ministers as can do so, to go into the chaplaincy, and that their churches continue such a portion of their congregational salary as added to the present governmental allowance, will make up a competent support.

In case this mode of supplying our self-denying and exposed soldiers with the means of grace, should fail; then it is recommended that Presbytery insist that all the brethren whose age and circumstances will at all justify it, form classes of four or six each including congenial brethren of other denominations, that shall agree each to supply some Regiment and member supplying 2 or 4 weeks alternately with preaching and pastoral labor; as may be practicable; and that the churches be urged in either of these ways to encourage their ministers to engage in this most important work, by giving up for a time their pastoral services, and paying their travelling expenses as may be needful. (Signed) D.F. Enoch, Chairman.

Rev. G.D. Parks returns call from Third creek church.

Rev. G.D. Parks returned the call from the church of Third Creek, placed in his hands at a preceding meeting of Presbytery.

The Treasurer of Presbytery presented the following report in reference to the assessment of the churches; viz: Olney N.C. April 12th 1862.

Report of Treasurer of Presbytery.

The Treasurer of Presbytery would report to Presbytery that he has collected of the assessment for 1862, the following sums from the following churches; viz: Beck creek $12.00, Bethel 10, Mackfelah 3, Bethpage 3, Castanea Grove 5, Concord Town 15, Duncans Creek 3, Fourth creek 4.90 cts, Lemons 4, Lincolnton 6, Long creek 6, Morganton 10, Paw creek 10, Providence 10, Rocky River 30, Sharon 10, Shelby 2, Steele Creek 20, Sugar Creek 20, Thyatira 12, Unity (Lincoln Co.) 15, Prospect 15, Salisbury 30, Joppa 4, Franklin (Rowan County) 6, Top of Shoot 20, Olney 5, Pleasant Hill 10.

The following churches have failed to pay any part of their assessment, Asheville $10, Bethany 10, Bethesda 2, Bethlehem 3, Beulah 1, Centre 15,

Charlotte 20, College church 10, Concord 12, Dallas 3, Davidson River 5, Druilla 1, Ebenezer 3, Fifth creek 6, Franklin (Macon Co.) 2, Goshen 8, Hendersonville 3, Hiwassee 3, Hopewell 20, Lebanon 6, Little Brittain 8, Mallard creek 12, Marion 4, Mills River 5, Monroe 1, New Hope 10, Newton 2, Philadelphia 12, Ramah 2, Rutherfordton 5, Salem 1, Sandy Plains 1, Shiloh 5, Siloam 4, Swannanoa 4, Tabor 8, Taylorsville 5, Third creek 20, Unity (Rowan Co.) 8, Wadesboro 3, Wilkesboro 2.

The following churches have paid only in part, leaving still due, the following sums; viz; Concord Town $5.00, Duncans creek 1, Fourth creek 15.10 cts., Providence 2, Sharon 1.85 cts. Making in all the sum of $24.85 cts. Added to this the arrearages of the last year as follows; Bethel $3.00, Beulah 1, College church 10, Davidson River 5, Duncans Creek 4, Ebenezer 2.50 cts. Fifth creek 6, Franklin (Rowan county) 2, Goshen 3, Hendersonville 3, Hiwassee 3, Mills River 5, Monroe 1, Newton 2, Prospect 5, Providence 4, Rheims Creek 2, Sharon 4, Sandy Plains 1, Steele creek 7, Swannanoa 4, Third creek 20. In all $102.50 cts. Submitted:

(Signed) J. Rumple, Treasurer

Rev. Messrs B.S. Beall and J.D. Hall were added to the committee in place of Rev. Messrs G.D. Parks and W.B. Watts, to install Rev. S.C. Alexander over the church of Pleasant Hill.

Vote of thanks.

The following Resolution was adopted: Resolved - That the thanks of Concord Presbytery be returned to the congregation of Olney for the kindness and hospitality extended to them, and also to the officers of the Independent Church for the use of their house of worship; during the sessions in this place, and that this resolution be read by the pastor at any time he may deem it expedient.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have an abstract of the minutes

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of this meeting published in the North Carolina Presbyterian at as early a day as practicable.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Concord, Cabarrus Co. N. C. on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in May 1862, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction.

W. B. Watts, Mod.r

R. N. Davis,
E. Nye Hutchison } Temporary Clerks

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence; viz: Rev. Messrs. W. L. Pharr, Daniel Lindley, Jas. E. Morrison, Wm. L. Morrison, N. Chadwell, S. C. Millen, Alexander Sinclair, L. L. Stewart and J. L. Wilson.

The following Church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: Mackpelah, Monroe, Lenoir, College Church, Salem, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Third creek, Rutherfordton and Little Britain, Back creek and Prospect, Asheville, Sandy Plains, Beulah, Fourth creek, Marion, Siloam, Morganton, Ebenezer and Franklin (Macon co.) Hickory, Hendersonville, Davidson River, Mills River, Swannanoa, Hot creek, Bethany and Center, Prosperity, Bethany, Tabor, Fifth creek, Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Newton, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Joppa, Ramah, Bethesda, Franklin (Rowan co.), Concord Dem. and Wilk.

Annual Report of Presbytery to the General Assembly

The Presbytery of Concord Report to the General Assembly that they consist of 38

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Post Office Address.	Churches.
Walter L. Pharr, S.S.	Parks Store, N.C.	Mallard Creek, S.S.
R.H. Morrison, V.D.M. S.S.	Cottage Home, N.C.	Unity (Lincoln Co.), S.S.
		Macpelah, S.S.
		Castanea Grove, S.S.
Stephen Frontis, N.C.	Deep Well, N.C.	Philadelphia, V. & Bethlehem, V.
Jesse Rankin, Evang. Res.	Lenoir, N.C.	Lenoir, S.S.
D.A. Penick, S.S. & P.	Pioneer Mills, N.C.	Rocky River, P.
Daniel Lindley, P.M.		Hendersonville, V.
Robert Burwell, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	Paw Creek, P.
Jas E. Morrison, S.M.	Morvia, N.C.	Lebanon, S.S.
		Wadesboro, S.S.
Jas D. Hall, P.	Wood Lawn, N.C.	Goshen, P.
		New Hope, S.S.
		Olney, S.S.
Wm. K. Morrison, N.C.	Asheville, N.C.	Mills River, V.
Nathan Shotwell, P.	Rutherfordton, N.C.	Rutherfordton, P.
		Little Brittain, P.
E.F. Rockwell, Prof.	Davidson College, N.C.	Savannah & Flat Creek, V.
R.H. Chapman, V.D.M.	Lincoln, Talladega Co. Ala.	Asheville, P.
J.L. Kirkpatrick, Pres. Treas	Davidson College, N.C.	College Church, S.S.
John C. Carson, S.M.	Mills River, N.C.	Sandy Plains, V.
Wm Graves, S.M.	Mills River, N.C.	Shelbyville, V.
Walter W. Pharr, P.	Statesville, N.C.	Fourth Creek, P.
Thos. H. Pegram, S.S.	Marion, N.C.	Marion, S.S.

for the year closing April 12th 1862.

Ministers and have under their care 10 Churches: 4 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates, viz:

Communicants				Baptized		No. of children in Sab. Sch. and Bible class.	Funds Collected.							
Added on Examination	Added on Cert.	Colored communicants.	Total of Communicants.	Adults.	Infants.		Domestic Miss.	Foreign Miss.	Education.	Pub.	Old Dept.	Presbyterial.	Congrega. Contd.	Miscellaneous.
7	5	63	218	1	15	30	55	18	12	13			117	
1		5	47		1		23	22	21	15		15		
	1		18				17	11	5	9		10		
3	31	5	33				18	14	11	10		5		
5		8	401	2	5							3	200	
1	4		32				180					4		
11	4	174	602	2	56		163	102	16	45		30	537	70
			19											
11		21	198	2	17		10	11				10	200	
			58											
			15											
			90											
			135											
			100											
			32											
			23	1	4									
		9	119		11		5	2			2	6		
			110											
8	6		57	1	8	35	75		20	20		10	600	75
8	3		36	1	2		81	90						
			8				4							
			9				15							
4	6	33	195	1	11	125	51	101	6	9		28	4000	
2		1	26		1		15	15	9		5	9	170	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Post Office.	Churches.	Communicants.				Baptisms.		No. of children in Sabbath-school and Bible classes.	Funds Collected.							
			Added on ex.	Added on Cert.	Colored communicants.	Total of communicants.	Adult baptized.	Infants baptized.		Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Ed.	Pub.	Alleviation	Fees.	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
		Siloam, S.S.	8	1	1	41	1	4		5			4	2	7	120	
		Drusilla, S.S.				11				1						8	
R. N. Davis, P.	Lincolnton, N.C.	Lincolnton, S.S. & Long Creek, P.	16	2		168		7		12			43		11	551	350
R. H. Lafferty, P.	Charlotte, N.C.	Sugar Creek, P.	24	3	86	259	13	21	100	68	33	21	11		20	600	106
S. C. Thacker, S.S. P.	Hopewell, N.C.	Hopewell, P.	2	1	65	205	2	22	54	13	7	5		5		800	
B. L. Beall, S.S.	Lincoln, N.C.	Joppa, S.S.	4	2	22	35	1	3		37					4	45	
		Franklin (Rowan Co.), S.S.	3	1	4	43		7		5					6	204	
Wm. C. Shultz, P.	Morganton, N.C.	Morganton, P.			1	76		4	18	26	60	6			10	525	
Wm. S. Moore, P.	Franklin, N.C.	Franklin (Macon Co.), P.				26		7		5					2	66	
		Ebenezer, P.	4		5	47		5	25	5	5				3	125	
G. D. Parks, S.S.	Rowan Mills, N.C.	Third Creek, S.S.	11	1	81	250	2	8	90				90			600	
		Bethesda, S.S.	2	2	32	87		6		4							
S. C. Millar, Pres. Female College	Statesville, N.C.	Monroe, P.				10											
D. Scott Knides, P.	Rowan Mills, N.C.	Hopewell, P.	10	8	43	183	6	11	95	11					12	566	7
		Unity (Rowan Co.), P.				91											
A. Sinclair, W.C.	Charlotte, N.C.	Charlotte, P.	9	8	13	228	2	15		160	151	155			41	2543	411
Jethro Rumple, P.	Salisbury, N.C.	Salisbury, P.	3	3	11	110		7	75	367	71	21	48	8	31	1450	1288
L. L. Stewart, W.C.	Asheville, N.C.	Davidson River, P.				42										21	
D. A. Penick, Jr. P.	Concord, N.C.	Poplar Tent, P.	5	3	101	261		11		45	19		25		21	700	
Wm. W. Thacker, P.	Coddle Creek, N.C.	Bethpage, P.	15	1	28	141	3	11	51	22	22	4	5		11	276	
		Center, P.	13	3	39	158	5	15	30	25	21	8	25		19	351	5
J. S. Barr, S.S.	Lincolnton, N.C.	Concord, S.S.	19	12	31	247	8	27	60	17		6			12	334	35
		Shiloh, S.S.			4	27		2								61	
		Salem, S.S.	2	2	5	31		1	40							35	
John C. Stewart, S.S.	Asheville, N.C.	Duncans Creek, P.	7		2	32	1	1		3	50				3		
John D. Wilson, P.	Wilkesboro, N.C.	Taylorsville, P.	7	2	1	71		8	40	2			11		5	309	7
		Wilkesboro, S.S.	1	2		15		4		22						160	

Ministers, Licentiates, and Candidates.	Post Office.	Churches.	Communicants. Added on ex.	Added on Cert	Colored Communicants.	Total of Communicants.	Baptisms. Adults	Infants	No. of children in Sab. Sch. and Bible Class.	Funds Collected. H.M.	F.M.	Ed.	Pub.	Ch. Exts	Pres.	Congregational.	Miscellaneous.
		Newton, S.S.	3	2		16	1	3	30							150	
W.B. Watts, P.	Deep Well, N.C.	Prospect, P.	13	12	60	311	1	23		45					15	200	
		Back creek, P.	10	5	82	176	2	7	70	26					12	400	26
R.J. Johnston, P.	Sharon, N.C.	Sharon, P.	6	3	55	211	2	10	150	31	21	9	16		10	150	96
		Providence, P.	3	1	46	150	1	3	35	21	12	1	11		10	181	
Samuel Carruthers Alexander, P. 38.	White Hall, N.C.	Steele creek, P.	19	1	129	463	2	24	75		46	37	48		26	346	
		Pleasant Hill, P.			34	114	1	4	60	15	5				30	267	1
Licentiates 4.	Dallas, N.C.	Dallas, V.				20											
J.C. Kennedy, L.M.	Statesville, N.C.	Beulah, V.				8											
R.H. Caldwell,	Queen's Town Ast. N.C.	Hiwassee, V.				30											
Robert B. Anderson, Select.	Cottage Home, N.C.	Bethel, P. Elected.		3	18	48				15	10				10		
Wm. M. Kilpatrick, Select.	Concord, N.C.	Concord Town, P. Elected		1	16	150		9	75				40		15	140	80
Candidates 2.	Bethany Church, Iredell Co. N.C.	Bethany, S.S.	1		10	93		4	36	19	19				10	78	
	" " " " "	Tabor, S.S.			2	85		1		6	6				8		
	" " " " "	Fifth creek, S.S.	3	2	14	80	1	3	50	15	15				4	200	3
	Parks Store, N.C.	Ramah, V. ____ 70.				158											
			274	152	1357	7430	66	432	1372	1765	999	375	449	26	485	18382	2580

Ordinations 3; Installations 5; Pastoral Relations Dissolved 1; Churches Organized 2; Churches Dissolved 1; The Rev. Henry N. Shaw has been removed by death since last report.

By order of Presbytery,

R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk.

Charlotte, N.C.
April 12th 1862.

Concord, Cabarrus County, N. C.
May 9th 1862 - 11 o'clock, A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and, the Moderator being absent, Rev. J. E. Morrison, a former Moderator, was called to the chair and opened the session with prayer. Present: Ministers: Revs. Messrs. Jas E. Morrison, Walter W. Shaw, B.S. Beall, J. Rumple, Wm W. Shaw, and D. A. Penick, Jr. - Ruling Elders - Messrs. David White of the church of Rocky River, and A.J. York of the church of Concord Town.

Rev. J. Rumple was appointed temporary clerk.

Rev. Mr. Wood of the S. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Rev. D. Barker of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of N.C. being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Communications from Rev. Messrs R. H. Lafferty, and D. A. Penick, Jr. were received and read.

A certificate, dismissing Rev. S. S. Markland from the Presbytery of West Hanover to the Presbytery of Concord was presented and read, and after due examination he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

The calls for the Pastoral services of the Rev. S. S. Markland, from the churches of Bethany and Fifth creek, were take from the table, read and placed in his hands for consideration.

The trial sermon for ordination of Mr. W. M. Kilpatrick from Rev. V. 5 6: was then heard.

The letter from Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. asking for a dissolution of the pastoral relation between the church of Asheville and himself and assigning reasons therefor, was taken from the table and read. A communication from the church of Asheville, consenting thereto, was presented and read. Whereupon after due consideration, and with the hope that these requests would both be withdrawn, the whole subject was postponed until the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

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The following resolution was adopted: viz;

Presbytery having thought fit to postpone until the next regular meeting the requests of the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. and the church of Asheville, for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, do hereby appoint Rev. Walter W. Shaw to communicate to Dr. Chapman and the church of Asheville the reasons which induced Presbytery to take the action above indicated.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock, P.M.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to install Rev. S. C. Alexander over the church of Pleasant Hill reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that on the 18th day of April 1862 they installed Rev. S. C. Alexander over the church of Pleasant Hill.

The whole subject of Army Chaplaincies was then taken up and freely discussed. The following paper was adopted; viz;

The Presbytery of Concord viewing with concern the great destitution of religious instruction in the camps of our soldiers deem it wise to take some further action. Without presuming to enjoin the duty upon any brethren conscience, Presbytery would recommend that Rev. Messrs. S. S. Markland, J. Rumple, J. Rankin, and R. H. Lafferty, duly consider whether it be not their duty to seek and accept the office of Chaplain.

Presbytery would further appoint the Rev. D. A. Penick, Sr. and Elders. David White, J. A. Young, and E. Nye Hutchison, a committee to correspond with these brethren, and if willing to accept the post to secure from the proper authorities, the requisite appointments; and to make arrangements to supply their pulpits during their absence.

Resolved also - That so many of these brethren as may accept the office of Chaplain, be requested to report to report at each regular

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meeting of Presbytery to that body, through the committee of Domestic Missions the success of this labours."

The examination of Mr. W. M. Kilpatrick was then entered into, upon Experimental religion, Philosophy, Theology, Ecclesiastical History, the Greek and Hebrew Languages; also upon the constitution, discipline, and government of the Church. After satisfactory examination, his trial sermon, and his examination on all these points were sustained as satisfactory, and it was resolved that Presbytery will proceed to ordain him to the full work of the ministry to-morrow Morning at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Saturday Morning, May 10th 1862. 10 o'clock.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. R. Burwell appeared in Presbytery and took his seat.

The Principal, and Alternate, appointed to charge the Pastor being both absent, Rev. R. Burwell was appointed to perform that duty.

The ordination sermon was then delivered by Rev. J. Rumple from Titus II. 15: "Let no man despise thee."

Ordination of Wm. M. Kilpatrick.

The constitutional questions being proposed to the candidate and the congregation, and these being answered in the affirmative William M. Kilpatrick was solemnly ordained to the full work of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery and prayer, and duly installed pastor of the Church of Concord Town.

A charge was then delivered to the newly installed pastor by Rev. R. Burwell; and a charge was likewise delivered to the people by the Rev. W. W. Hass.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Bethel church on Friday. May 23d 1862 at 11 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

Jas. E. Morrison, Mod.
J. Rumple, Temporary Clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Bethel church
Friday, May 23d 1862.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at 11 o'clock A. M, and was constituted with prayer.

Present. Ministers. Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., B. S. Brides, G. D. Parks, and W. B. Watts: Ruling Elder. Mr. D. A. Caldwell.

Rev. G. D. Parks was appointed temporary clerk.

The object for which Presbytery met being to attend to the ordination and installation of Mr. R. B. Anderson, on motion Presbytery took the trial sermon of the candidate. After hearing the sermon, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the house of Mr. D. A. Caldwell this afternoon at the call of the Moderator. Closed with prayer.

House of Mr. D. A. Caldwell.
After recess.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called. Presbytery proceeded to the examination of Mr. R. B. Anderson. He was examined on Church History, Theology, Philosophy, Languages &c. Having passed through the entire examination it was Resolved - That the trial sermon of Mr. R. B. Anderson together with his entire examination be, and they are hereby sustained as satisfactory parts of trial, and that Presbytery will proceed with his ordination and installation to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Presbytery adjourned to meet at the Church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Bethel church, Saturday, May 24th 1862.
11 o'clock, A.M.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Presbytery proceeded to the ordination services.

The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. R.H. Morrison, D.D.;

Rev. J.S. Kirkpatrick, D.D. presided, and propound the constitutional questions to the candidate and the congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, Mr. Robert B. Anderson was by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry, and duly installed over the church of Bethel.

Ordination of Rob't B. Anderson.

Rev. B.L. Rhodes delivered the charge to the newly installed pastor, and Rev. W.B. Watts delivered the charge to the congregation.

The name of Rev. R.B. Anderson was ordered to be placed on the roll of the members of Concord Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Lincolnton on Thursday evening Oct. 2nd 1862 at 7 o'clock. Closed with prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

W.B. Watts, Mod.

R.H. Lafferty, Stated clerk. — G.L. Parks, Temporary clerk.

Lincolnton, N.C.
Thursday, Oct. 2d 1862.
7 o'clock, P.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. W.B. Watts, from II. Cor. II. 16. "And who is sufficient for these things?" Constituted with prayer. Present, Ministers: Revs. Messrs. Watts & Hard, R.H. Morrison, D.D., Jesse Rankin, D.A. Penick, & Jas. L. Hall, A. Shotwell, E.P. Rockwell, R.H. Chapman, L.L. Walter, W. Hard, Thos. N. Payton, R. N. Davis, R.H. Lafferty,

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S.C. Pharr, G.L. Parks, S.C. Millen, B.L. Rhodes, J. Rumple, D.A. Penick, Sr., Wm. W. Pharr, J. L. Barr, J.L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., W.B. Watts, R.H. Johnston, B.L. Beall, S.S. Murkland, and R.B. Anderson: Ruling Elders: Messrs. Andrew Hunter, Wm. Sandy, James Harper, R.H. Morrison, W.C. Reid, E. Friday, W.A. Caldwell, Wm. Rutledge, J.W. Reid, E.B. Wilson, Wm. Black, Moses Lingle, A.J. Summey, S.R. Bell, Wm. Clarke, A. McCoy, J.M. Forney, E.J. Erwin, Michael Brown, Wm. Patterson, E. Rice, Jos. H. Wilson, J.M. Reid, James McFarland, R.W. Gibson, E.M. Stephenson, L.M. Miller, S.L. Worrell, M.E. Caldwell, Ebenezer McNeely, R.K. Brown, and L. Hart.

Officers elected.

Rev. S.C. Millen was chosen for Moderator, and Rev. B.L. Beall, and Mr. A.J. Summey, were elected temporary clerks.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will spend half an hour in prayer each morning especially in behalf of our bleeding country, and that these exercises take the place of the ordinary devotional exercises of Presbytery.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning, Oct. 3d 1862.
8½ o'clock.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in Devotional Exercises.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read, and approved.

The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting of Presbytery, and of the adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Report of members of Presbytery to perform missionary work.

The members appointed to visit vacant churches, and missionary stations were called upon for their reports, when it appeared that these duties had been performed, or satisfactory reasons assigned for their non-performance.

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A member appears

Rev. J. E. Morrison appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness; he also assigned satisfactory reasons for his absence from the last two meetings.

Members appear in Pres.

Revs. Messrs. Alexander Sinclair, J. C. Miller, and N. Shotwell, assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last semi-annual meeting.

Members appear in Pres.

Revs. Messrs. R. Burwell, W. C. Shultz, A. Sinclair, J. C. Alexander, and Wm. M. Kilpatrick, appeared in Presbytery, and rendered satisfactory reasons for their tardiness.

Ruling Elders appear in Pres.

Mr. Lewis Dellinger, Ruling Elder from the church of Macpelah, and Mr. R. M. Roseborough, Ruling Elder from the church of Third Creek, appeared in Presbytery, and took their seats as members.

Corresponding members.

Rev. George W. W. Petrie, D.D., of the Presbytery of East Alabama, Rev. W. J. Hall of the Presbytery of Central Mississippi; and Rev. Wm. H. Singleton, of the Presbytery of East Mississippi, being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolution respecting the Bible Society.

The following preamble and resolution were presented, and adopted viz: Whereas there is evidence of much destitution of the Holy Scriptures among the soldiers of our army, and other large portions of our people, and whereas the Bible society for the Confederate States has been formed, and commenced operations under favorable circumstances; therefore

Resolved - That Presbytery earnestly recommends to all its churches which have not contributed to this society, to take up collections in aid of its funds.

Rev. J. J. Burkhead permitted to hold until next meeting calls from Bethany and Fifth Creek.

Rev. J. J. Burkhead obtained permission to hold until the next meeting of Presbytery the calls from Bethany and Fifth Creek, churches placed in his hands at a former meeting.

Appointment of Committees.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following committees; viz: Judicial Committee - Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D. R. H. Chapman, and Joseph H. Wilson.

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In Supplies - Rev. Jesse Rankin, G. D. Parks, and Mr. A. J. Hemmey.

To prepare a Narrative for Synod - Rev. J. C. Shaw, R. H. Chapman, and Mr. J. R. Bell.

Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly - Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., R. H. Chapman, R.E., and Mr. W. C. Reid.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day immediately after recess this afternoon to hand in the reports of the churches on the state of religion within our bounds.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes to meet in the Methodist church.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The Trustees of Davidson College presented their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes; and is as follows; viz: Davidson College, Sept. 30th 1862.

To the Presbytery of Concord -

Report of the Trustees of Davidson College to Pres.

It is made our duty by an order of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College to report annually to your body the condition of the institution.

Owing to the state of the country as involved in a heavy and wasting war the number of students during the last collegiate year was small - amounting to only twenty nine - these however, were distributed into the four regular classes so that the instruction in its various departments was conducted as in more prosperous years. The students manifested creditable interest in their duties, and maintained an unusually correct and orderly deportment. Soon after the passage of the Conscription Bill in the Confederate Congress about two-thirds of the students whose age brought them within its scope, left the College to enlist in the military service of their country

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The remainder soon followed this example in leaving the College, not through any necessity, but because they had persuaded themselves and succeeded in persuading their parents that their remaining on the ground in the existing state of the College, would not be for their profit. It thus came about that in the month of May, two months before the stated end of the year, the exercises were closed for want of pupils.

It is the purpose however of the Trustees and Faculty to keep the institution in operation. Accordingly the exercises have been resumed, and a preparatory department appended, for the time, to the prescribed course of instruction.

During the period that the College was in session, two of the students made a public profession of their faith in Christ, and were admitted to the communion of the church. It is also known that several of their number had formed the purpose to seek a preparation for the work of the Ministry, with the hope in due time of serving God in that holy office.

The following summary of the principal facts in relation to the finances of the College may be of interest to your body.

The College is free of debt, having discharged all the obligations of a pecuniary nature which it had incurred up to the close of the last year.

The new Edifice which cost in round numbers $81.000 has been paid for with the exception of $500 reserved as an indemnity against a slight failure in a portion of the work.

The invested funds stand thus:

Individual notes on demand	$22.182 28/100
" " interest only during life	3.965.
" " doubtful	3.996.
Wilmington and Manchester R. R. 8 per cent bonds	124.000.

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Wilmington City 6 per cent bonds	$4.000.
5 Confederate 8 per cent bonds $1000 each	5.000.
244 Shares Cape Fear Bank stock	44.400.
Bank Wadesboro Stock	12.700.
40 Shares Charlotte and So. Ca. R. R. Stock	4.000.
Money in hand	4.569 82/100
	$228.368 57/100

The amount realized from the "Chambers Legacy" $234.253.

During the year the Treasurer, by the order of the Board of Trustees has purchased a considerable number of the outstanding scholarships, and is prepared to purchase, at a fair price, all others that may be offered for sale.

We are also instructed by the Board to call the attention of your body to the fact that two more Trustees have been appointed than the charter of the College provides for or authorizes. It is supposed that the oversight through which this occurred has been on the part of Concord Presbytery. Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick, Pres.
R. I. McDowell, Treasurer.
E. Mc. Hutchison, Secretary.

Report of commissioners to the Gen. Assembly.

Revs. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., and Walter W. Sharp, our commissioners to the late General Assembly, reported that they attended the meeting of the General Assembly, and attended to the duties of their appointment. Their reports were accepted and approved.

The business laid over from the last meeting of Presbytery was taken up, viz; the request of Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Asheville.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. renewed his request, and the church of Asheville

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Pastoral relation between R.H.C. & Lawson, dd, and church of Asheville dissolved.

through its Delegate uniting with him in this request, the petition was granted; and Rev R.H. Chapman, D.D. was appointed to preach in the Church of Asheville, and declare said church vacant.

Rev R.H. Chapman permitted to labor beyond our bounds.

Permission was granted to Rev R.H. Chapman D.D. to labor within or beyond the bounds of this Presbytery according to his own discretion.

Rev A. Sinclair permitted to labor beyond our bounds.

Permission was given to Rev A. Sinclair to labor beyond the bounds of this Presbytery according to his own discretion until the next semi-annual meeting.

Order of the day postponed.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock was postponed to 3 o'clock P.M. to take place in the Presbyterian Church.

Report of Committee on equalizing the assessment of the churches.

The committee appointed at the last semi-annual meeting to regulate and equalize the assessment of the churches presented this report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows: viz:

The committee to whom was referred the assessment of the churches for the Commissioners Fund, and for certain contingencies having carefully looked over the list of assessments have concluded to recommend no alteration contemplating a material reduction of the aggregate amount. They simply reduce the assessment on a few of the churches which were thought to be taxed rather out of proportion with the most of the other churches.

(Signed) Jesse Rankin, Chairman.
J. Rumple

Asheville,	$ 10.00	Bethpage,	$ 8.00	Concord,	$ 10.00
Back creek,	12.00	Beulah,	1.00	Concord Town,	20.00
Bethany,	10.00	Castanea Grove,	5.00	Dallas,	3.00
Bethel,	10.00	Center,	15.00	Davidsons River,	5.00
Bethesda,	7.00	Charlotte,	40.00	Deerilla,	1.00
Bethlehem,	3.00	College Church,	10.00	Duncans Creek,	3.00
Ebenezer,	$ 3.00	Fifth Creek,	6.00	Flat Creek,	1.00
Fourth Creek,	20.00	Franklin (Macon Co.)	2.00	Franklin (Rowan Co.)	4.00
Goshen,	7.00	Hendersonville,	3.00	Hiwassee,	3.00
Hopewell,	20.00	Joppa,	4.00	Lebanon,	5.00
Lenoir,	4.00	Lincolnton,	6.00	Long Creek,	6.00
Little Brittain,	8.00	Mackpelah,	2.00	Marion,	4.00
Mallard Creek,	$ 12.00	Mills River,	4.00	Monroe,	4.00
Morganton,	10.00	New Hope,	7.00	Newton,	2.00
Olney,	7.00	Paw Creek,	10.00	Philadelphia,	12.00
Pleasant Hill,	10.00	Poplar Tent,	20.00	Prospect,	15.00
Providence,	12.00	Ramah,	8.00	Rocky River,	30.00
Rutherfordton,	5.00	Salem,	1.00	Salisbury,	30.00
Sandy Plains	$ 1.00	Sharon,	12.00	Shelby,	1.00
Shiloh,	3.00	Siloam,	4.00	Steele Creek,	20.00
Sugar Creek,	20.00	Swannanoa,	4.00	Tabor,	8.00
Taylorsville,	5.00	Third Creek,	20.00	Thyatira,	12.00
Unity (Lincoln Co.)	15.00	Unity (Rowan Co.)	8.00	Wadesboro,	3.00
Wilkesboro,	2.00	Total	$ 627.00		

Presbytery took a recess until 2 o'clock, P.M. to meet in the Presbyterian Church.

After recess.

Order of the day attended.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the first order of the day; viz: Inquiry in the reports of the churches on the state of religion within their bounds.

Place and time of next meeting.

It was Resolved - That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the church of Thyatira, Rowan County, N.C. on Wednesday before the 2d Sabbath in April next at 11 o'clock A.M. (This was afterwards reconsidered and the time of meeting fixed upon Friday before the 2d Sabbath in April at 11 o'clock, A.M. See page 624

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Ruling Elder appears in Presbytery.

Mr. J. W. Moore, Ruling Elder from the church of Unity (Lincoln Co.) appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

Order of the day.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear the report of our Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin.

Com. on the death of Rev. H. N. Hart continued.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to prepare a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. Henry N. Hart was continued, and directed to report to the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Leave of absence granted.

Rev. J. E. Morrison, and Messrs. J. R. Bell, S. Hart, J. M. Reid, R. P. Brown, J. W. Reid, L. M. Miller, and Joseph H. Wilson, obtained leave of absence from the session of to-morrow morning.

Presbytery having enjoined, at the last semi-annual meeting, upon all the ministers to preach a sermon in their churches on the subject of Education, the roll was called and each one reported on this subject, when it appeared that but few had performed the duty enjoined.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day; viz: hearing the report of the Agent, Rev. J. C. Hart, D.D., on the subject of Foreign Missions. The report was read and approved, and is as follows; viz:

Report of the Agent and Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Dear Brethren—

Since the disruption of the Federal Union the operations of the Executive Committee have been limited. They regret to state that they are still without any information from Southern Missionaries in foreign lands. Any letters these missionaries may have forwarded by previous channels of information, have, no doubt, been intercepted. Letters and funds have been forwarded to them through the Bank of Liverpool, by way of Tampico, and the West Indies, but this route is so circuitous, both in coming and going, that it may be several months before any intelligence is received from them. In the

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mean time it may be safely taken for granted that these christian brethren are faithfully engaged in the great work to which they have consecrated their lives, and they have in their remote and isolated positions, special claims upon the sympathies and prayers of Southern Christians.

The committee reappointed all the Missionaries among the Choctaws, Chickasaws, Cherokees, Creeks, and Seminoles, to the stations they formerly occupied. Several important stations remain unoccupied, but they have not felt justified in sending out any new Missionaries for the present. About one sixth of the whole population have already entered the military service or are preparing to do so.

The letters which have been received from the Missionaries, are, however, very encouraging. Many attend on the means of grace, and more attention is given to the word preached. Sabbath-schools are well received, and the weekly prayer meeting not neglected. Many of the people are carried away by the spirit of the times, but God is giving them some tokens of his presence.

Many of those who have entered the Confederate service are religious men, and, when visited by the Missionaries at their encampments were greatly refreshed. Prayer and praise went up every evening from around the camp fires. Their Captains allowed no drinking, swearing, gambling, or Sabbath breaking among his men, and indeed these vices were seldom seen or heard of among any of the soldiers.

The excessive enlistment among the Choctaws gave some concern to the committee; and they have felt it their duty to call attention of the government to it, suggesting that it

should either be restricted or that provision be made to meet the wants that must arise from the neglect of the soil.

Balance on hand on the 1st of dec 1861.	$4.507.25
Receipts to 1st April 1862.	10.439.08
	$14.946.33
Appropriations	8.725.00
Balance on hand 1st July 1862	7.248.48

The committee report that whilst the contributions of the churches generally have not been as large as during previous years, some of them as well as certain individuals have contributed with more than ordinary liberality. With this brief statement we tender into the hands of the Presbytery the accounts of the Treasurer with feelings of gratitude for the confidence reposed, and for the many tokens of favor which God has bestowed on our efforts.

Judicial Com. reports on the appeal of John M. Lowrance from the decision of the session of Back creek.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the appeal of Mr. John M. Lowrance from the decision of the session of Back creek. This report was accepted, and pending its consideration Presbytery took a recess until 7 o'clock, P.M. After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded to the unfinished business; viz: the consideration of the report of the judicial committee on the appeal of Mr. John M. Lowrance from the decision of the session of Back creek. The report of the judicial committee was laid on the table, and Presbytery Resolved to proceed to hear the case.

Rev. R. H. Chapman, D.D. was appointed, at the request of the Appellant, to aid him in managing his case.

The Moderator then solemnly announced from the chair, that the body was about to pass to the consideration of the business assigned for trial: and enjoined on the members to recollect and regard their high character

as judges of a court of Jesus Christ and the solemn duty in which they were about to act.

The sentence appealed from was then read.

The reasons assigned by the Appellant for his appeal were read.

The whole record of the proceedings of the Session in the case, with all the testimony, and the reasons of their decision, were read.

Here the Counsel for the appellant asked and obtained permission to introduce a letter as evidence from Mrs. W. B. Lowrance, which had been read as testimony before the session.

The parties were then fully heard, together with the Session.

The roll was called giving each member of Presbytery an opportunity of expressing his opinion on the case.

The final vote was then taken which resulted as follows: viz:
To sustain the appeal 37: To sustain the appeal in part 20:
Not to sustain 00—

The following paper was then adopted as the judgment of Presbytery in this case: viz:

The Presbytery having heard all the documents and the two parties in this case, do sustain the appeal on the following grounds: 1st Error in the proceedings of the session in seeking to induce the wife to appear as a witness against her husband.
2d Error in that when the wife declined to appear as a witness in arraigning her as an offender on charges of grave character.
3d Error in mixing up the cases of the husband and wife in one investigation and one adjudication, notwithstanding the offences alleged against the two, were distinct and had no necessary relation to each other.
4th Error in not furnishing the accused with the names of the witnesses against him.

5th Error in finding the accused guilty on proof that at the most, is but constructive or inferential and that is as susceptible of a favourable as of an unfavourable interpretation.

For these reasons we do hereby remove the sentence from the Accused; but in doing this, with great pleasure acquit the session of all intention of doing injustice to the Appellant. It seems manifest that they sought to discharge a duty which was painful to them, and were actuated by a sincere desire to promote the welfare of the church.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock closed with prayer.

Saturday, Oct. 4th 1862 – 8½ o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected, and approved.

Corresponding members.

Rev. Mr. Ingold of the German Reformed Church being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Leave of absence granted.

Revs. Messrs. E. F. Rockwell, A. Lindsey, J. H. Hall, J. Rumple, and Mr. Richard Brown, obtained leave of absence after 11 o'clock A. M. to-day.

Report of Committee on the minutes of the General Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, report that they find the following items claiming the attention of the Presbytery:

1. The General Assembly (Pages 11 and 12) reiterates with much solemnity and earnestness an injunction made by former Assemblies in relation to the subject of "Systematic Benevolence," in which injunction Presbyteries having the immediate supervision of pastors and churches are required to inquire as to their diligent attention to this duty, and to report annually to the Assembly as to the manner

in which they have fulfilled the obligations in the premises.

Your committee in accordance with the wishes of the Assembly, would recommend that this Presbytery urge on all our Pastors and churches to adopt some permanent method for securing regular annual contributions to the several objects of "Christian Benevolence" embraced in the Assembly's scheme; and that they present full reports of their diligence and success in the matter at the stated Spring sessions of the Presbytery.

2. On page 15, we find that the Assembly has appointed the last Thursday in Feb. to be observed as a day of special prayer for the youth assembled in our various schools, Colleges and Seminaries, and for all the baptized children of the church; Further it is recommended to all the churches to make collections on that day in aid of the cause of Education.

It is also recommended to the churches to offer special prayer on the last Sabbath of every month for all our baptized young men now in the army – that God would preserve them from all evil and make them faithful to the Captain of their Salvation.

We recommend that the Presbytery adopt as its own these several appointments or suggestions of the Assembly and earnestly commend them to our Pastors and Churches.

3 – On pages 19 and 20 we find that the Assembly has continued the assessment made at the Assembly in Augusta upon each of the Presbyteries for the contingent expenses of that body.

In relation to this matter we recommend that the Presbytery make an annual contribution of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00) to the contingent Fund of the Assembly, out of which a copy of the Minutes of that body shall be furnished to each Minister and to the clerk of each session, belonging to the Presbytery.

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4- We also recommend that Presbytery urge on all our Pastors and churches to take immediate steps to introduce into all our Sabbath schools and families, the "Children's Friend" a religious journal issued by the committee of Publication at Richmond, a reference to which may be found on the 28th page of the Minutes.

The Committe appointed to prepare a Narrative on the state of religion within our bounds for Synod, presented their report, which was adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz;

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the state of Religion within the bounds of this Presbytery to be submitted to the inspection of the Synod of North Carolina, respectfully present the following report viz;

Narrative for Synod.

In consequence of the disturbed state of the country the numbers in attendance on the means of grace have been perceptibly diminished. All the congregations within our limits have surrendered their young men to the service and defence of our rights against the invasions of our enemy.

The additions to our membership have been fewer than usual, whilst in several churches there has been considerable interest and encouraging tokens of the divine presence have refreshed the hearts of God's people. In three or four instances additions of from ten to 14 or 15 are reported at our fall communions. A spirit of prayer has pervaded our churches to a greater extent this year than in former days, and the prayer meetings, conducted weekly, and on the Sabbath, have been well attended. Earnest and prayerful attention has been given to the ministrations of the sanctuary. Sabbath schools and Bible classes have been maintained during the summer, and the instruction of the young has received the attention from some of our churches which its importance demands; whilst in the other congregations it is entirely neglected.

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The Colored people have been the objects of deep solicitude, and have been attended to by the ministers, who have regular periods designated for preaching and prayer. The benevolent causes have been presented to our people, and have been responded to with commendable liberality both by the aggregate congregations and by private individuals. The Bible cause has most especially engaged the minds of our people, developing the grace of charity and eliciting, even from weak and feeble churches handsome donations exceeding any before collected for that object. The monthly concert of prayer is regularly maintained by our churches, and great interest is felt in the cause of Foreign Missions as is evidenced from the increase of contributions above those made to the cause during the previous Synodical year. The discipline of the church against offending and disorderly members has been exercised with determination and energy, and a great desire manifested to preserve the purity of the church.

But whilst these encouraging facts are evident from the various reports presented to us, it is to be greatly lamented that there still exists more coldness and indifference amongst our people than there ought to be in this critical period of our history; and that, at our hours of worship and on the Sabbath generally, the scenes of battle and the exploits of our heroic and successful Generals are too frequently the absorbing themes of conversation and feeling.

The distillation, sale, and abuse of intoxicating spirits have afforded much anxiety and trouble to some of our ministers and sessions; and the violation of the Sabbath has also occasioned no little concern. With these abatements and exceptions, the large number of our churches are in a healthful condition and enjoy

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upon the God of our fathers we hope to maintain our ecclesiastical as well as political independence.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) S. C. Harris, B. S. Rider } Com.

A letter was received and read from Rev. Wm. S. Moore, assigning satisfactory reasons for his absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk presented and read a report on Systematic Benevolence, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows; viz:

Report on Systematic Benevolence.

The Presbytery of Concord present to the Synod of North Carolina the following report on Systematic Benevolence:

Of our Seventy Churches there are twenty one that make no report of contributions to any of the five Boards of the Church.

Forty four Churches have contributed to the cause of Domestic Missions.

Twenty eight Churches have contributed to the support of Foreign Missions.

Nineteen Churches have contributed to the cause of Education.

Twenty Churches have contributed to the cause of Publication.

Five Churches have contributed to Church Extension.

The aggregate of these contributions is as follows; viz:

For Domestic Missions $1765.00: Foreign Missions $993.00: Education $375.00: Publication $448.00: Church Extension $26.00: Presbyterial $485.00: Congregational $18382.00: Miscellaneous $2580.00. It is thus evident that our churches are making but little if any advancement in the grace of giving.

Report of Evangelist.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day for 10 o'clock A.M. viz: hearing the report of the Evangelist, Revd. Jesse Rankin. He presented a verbal report of his labors during the year, which was approved.

Rev. Jesse Rankin re-appointed Evangelist.

Rev. Jesse Rankin was re-appointed an Evangelist for ten months from the 1st January next, at a salary of $800.00 for the ten months.

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Executive Com. of D. Missions authorized to employ an additional Evangelist.

The Executive Committee of Domestic Missions were authorized to employ an additional Evangelist at the same salary given our present Evangelist, if they can find a suitable man and can obtain the necessary funds.

Time of meeting of Presbytery reconsidered.

The time of the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery was reconsidered, and it was resolved to meet on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in April next at 11 o'clock A.M. — (See page 611)

It having been brought to the notice of Presbytery that difficulties existed in the congregation of Swannanoa demanding the attention of Presbytery, the following paper was adopted;

Whereas it has been represented to this Presbytery that difficulties of a serious character exist in the Swannanoa congregation — Resolved — That Revs. Thomas K. Paxton, and Ruling Elders, Messrs. D. A. Davis and James H. Greenlee, be a committee on the part of the Presbytery to visit the place, inquire into the difficulties, remove them if practicable by fraternal counsel, or failing in this to report to the Presbytery at its next stated meeting the whole state of the case as far as they may ascertain the facts, for such future action as the Presbytery may find necessary.

Committee appointed to visit the congregation of Swannanoa.

Leave of absence granted.

Messrs. J. W. Moore, Wm. Patterson, Rev. Messrs. W. S. Harris and S. C. Harris, D.D. obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The order of the day for 11 o'clock, A.M. was postponed until this afternoon immediately after recess.

The committee on Supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows; viz:

The committee of supplies beg leave to submit the following Report: Revd. Messrs. R. Burwell, and D. A. Penick, Jr. preach one Sabbath each at Bethlehem.

Supplies.

Supplies.

Revs. Messrs. R. Z. Johnston, and Wm W. Hart one Sabbath each at Philadelphia.
Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., R. N. Davis, and S. C. Hard, D.D. one Sabbath each at Shelby.
Revs. Messrs. B. S. Rhodes, and S. C. Millen, one Sabbath each at Bethesda.
Revs. Messrs. Willis W. Hart, and W. B. Watts, one Sabbath each at Third creek.
Revs. S. S. Murkland one Sabbath, and Rev. J. C. Kennedy one month at Joppa.
Revs. Messrs. L. L. Penick, Sr. and R. H. Lafferty, one Sabbath each at Monroe.
Revs. Messrs. N. Shotwell, and J. C. Carson, one Sabbath each at Sandy Plains.
Rev. W. S. Moore one week in Cherokee and Clay counties.
Revs. Messrs. R. H. Chapman, D.D., and Wm. L. Morrison, one Sabbath each at Mills River.
Rev. R. B. Anderson one ~~Sabbath~~ week at Swannanoa and vicinity, and Rev. Wm N. Morrison one Sabbath at Swannanoa.
Rev. L. L. Stewart one Sabbath at Flat creek.
Rev. Wm A. Wood is respectfully requested to spend one Sabbath at Flat creek.
Rev. J. L. Wilson one week in Ashe county.
Revs. Messrs. Peter Rumple, and B. L. Beall, one week each in Yadkin county.
Rev. Wm M. Kilpatrick one week in Stanly county and Wadesboro.

All other brethren not specially designated in these appointments are expected to put in one Sabbath in some vacant church or on some missionary ground. We recommend that Presbytery call over the roll whole roll to ascertain whether the brethren do practically recognize this expression of its will.

It is expected that the brethren appointed to supply vacant churches will administer the Lord's Supper where it is desired and is in their judgment expedient.

The committee have designated no supplies for Duncans creek, Brasilla, Davidson River, and Hendersonville, because by existing or

prospective arrangements they are likely to be more or less supplied.

The committee would further call the attention of the Presbytery to the fact that so few of the brethren fulfil these appointments. While there may occur in some cases unexpected disappointments, and in others there may exist insurmountable difficulties, yet we cannot but feel that the failures to so large an extent, is to be lamented as indicating some defect of zeal and self denial.

Should not the Presbytery say with distinctness and emphasis that it expects the brethren, if possible, to fulfil these appointments in their letter and their spirit. All which is respectfully submitted:

(Signed) J. Rankin, Chairman.
G. H. Parks,
A. J. Sweeney.

Presbytery took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

After recess.

Leave of absence granted.

Presbytery met. Rev. R. H. Morrison, D.D., and Mr. Wm. Nantz, obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded with the order of the day; viz: hearing the report of the Agent and Treasurer of Publication. The report was read, and after addresses on this subject, it was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

Report of agent of Publication Com.

Your Agent begs leave to report, that, during the last twelve months only 16 churches out of the 70 have contributed to this important object. These 16 have contributed each as follows; viz: Eastatoe Grove $1.00; Providence 10, Poplar Tent 25.56, Mallard creek 12.85, Unity (Lincoln) 18, Sugar creek 10.70, Rocky River 15.60, Salisbury 48.25, Sharon 16, Machpelah 4.50, Bethpage 5.50, Fourth creek 9.[illegible] Lincolnton 42.75, Rutherfordton 10, Asheville 20, Siloam 4, Individual in Hopewell 1.00, Mrs. J. N. Paxton 1.50. Adding to the amount

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contributed by the churches and individuals named what money was on hand at the beginning of the 12 months embraced in this report and interest on money loaned makes up the sum of $365.51, which is now in the hand of the Treasurer.

If it be asked why this money is still in the hands of the Treasurer, it is answered thus; owing to the embarrassed condition of the city in which the present committee is located, the chairman, Dr. Brown, did not wish the money sent on.

Seeing how few churches have contributed to this object, and considering the vast importance of this work, not only to our church, but also to our beloved country, this Presbytery cannot fail to see that a solemn responsibility rests on her to endeavour to secure an increase in the contributions of the churches in our bounds.

It is true that owing to the present condition of our country there cannot just now be a great deal done in the publication of books. But just so soon as the hindering cause is removed, the interest of our church and country will demand a large supply of sound religious reading. And as this Board is to be one of the main sources of supplying for that river, the streams whereof are to make glad the city of God, it is important that we should use every means in our power to secure a large fund with which to operate.

Your Agent would therefore offer for the adoption of Presbytery the following resolution—

Resolved—That each minister interest our churches in this good object; and moreover that the sessions of vacant churches do what they can in the absence of regular ministerial services, to secure regular contributions to this cause. Respectfully submitted:

(Signed) G. A. Parks, Treasurer.

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Auditing committee.

Revs. Wm. W. Hard, and Mr. E. F. Erwin, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts and books of the Treasurer of Publication.

Mr. A. G. Neil presented his report as commissioner to the last General Assembly, which was approved, and is as follows; viz: Sept. 24th 1862.

Rev. Dear Sir.

Report of A. G. Neil commissioner to the Gen. Ass.

I report to the Presbytery of Concord, N. C. that I (as one of your commissioners) attended the meeting of the General Assembly in the city of Montgomery, Ala. convened May 1st 1862. I received of Treasurer of Presbytery Seventy five Dollars. My expenses to and from meeting of Assembly were thirty four dollars, leaving a balance due Presbytery of $41.00 which I send you by Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Received of Treasurer of Presbytery ---- $75.00
Expenses including Rail Road, Omnibus and other necessary expenses --- 34.00
Balance due Presbytery ---- $41.00

(Signed) A. G. Neil.

The Stated clerk presented and read the Statistical Report, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod.

Com. to visit Mills River church discharged.

The committee appointed at a former meeting to visit Mills River church and investigate and if possible adjust difficulties said to exist therein said church, reported that they had not accomplished any thing; whereupon the following was adopted; viz:

It appearing to the Presbytery that insurmountable obstacles to the further investigation of the case have intervened since the appointment of the committee, it was

Resolved—That the committee be now discharged.

Report of auditing com.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows; viz:

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The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of

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Board of Publication have examined the books and find that the Treasurer has received Three Hundred and eighty five ⁷⁰⁰ dollars, and that he has disbursed the sum of Twenty dollars, for which a proper voucher is on file— leaving in the hands of the Treasurer Three Hundred and sixty five dollars fifty cts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Walter W. Sharp } Com.
E. J. Erwin }

All the ministers of Presbytery to preach on the observance of the Sabbath.

The following Resolution was presented, read and adopted viz:
Resolved— That all the ministers of Presbytery be enjoined to preach a sermon on the observance of the Sabbath between this and the next meeting of Presbytery.

Com. to prepare a pastoral Letter.

Revs. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D.D., S. A. Pinick, D.D. and J. L. Kirkpatrick, D.D., were appointed a committee to prepare a Pastoral Letter to the churches on the observance of the Sabbath, Family prayer, the proper instruction of the children and servants, or such other topics as they may see fit to include, to be laid before Presbytery at its next meeting.

Vote of thanks.

The following resolutions were adopted:
Resolved— That the thanks of the Presbytery be now tendered to the citizens and families of Lincolnton for their generous hospitality to the members of this body during the present sessions:
Also to the officers and members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Lutheran church for the use of their houses of worship:
Also to the Rail Roads which have conveyed the members to and from the place at one fare, and that these Resolutions be read by the Pastor from the pulpit.

Abstract of minutes to be published.

The Stated Clerk was instructed to have an abstract of the minutes of this meeting published in the North Carolina Presbyterian at as early a day as practicable.

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The following resolution was presented, and adopted, viz:
Resolved— That this Presbytery respectfully suggests to the Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina whether it might not be advisable in view of the occurrence of public calamities since the last meeting of that body, and of the epidemic now prevailing in parts of our state, to change the place for the next meeting of the Synod, and if he should so decide, this Presbytery does here express its assent thereto.

The minutes of to day were read and approved.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Thyatira church, Rowan county, N.C. on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in April 1863, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Closed with singing, prayer, and the Apostolic benediction—

S. C. Millen, Mod'r.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk— } B. L. Beall, A. J. Summey, } Temporary Clerks

N. B— The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absences viz: Revs. Messrs. Stephen Frontis, Daniel Lindley, Wm. S. Morrison, John C. Carson, Wm. Graves, L. L. Stewart, J. C. Stewart, and J. D. Wilson—

The following church sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present sessions; viz: Monroe, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Shelby, Sandy Plains, Beulah, Marion, Siloam, Sugar Creek, Hopewell, Hiwassee, Hendersonville, Davidson's River, Mills River, Swannanoa, Flat creek, Poplar Tent, Bethpage and Centre, Prusilla, Tabor, Wilkesboro, Newton, Bethlehem, Ebenezer, Franklin, (Macon co), Franklin, (Rowan co), Shiloh, and Salem.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery
to the Synod of North Carolina—

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that they consist of Forty one Ministers, and have under their care Seventy churches Two Licentiates, and Two Candidates; that on the 1st day of Nov. 1861 they received under their care Rev. William M. Kilpatrick, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 16th day of Nov. 1861, they received under their care Mr. Samuel Carruthers Alexander, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Charleston; that on the 17th day of Nov. 1861, they ordained to the full work of the ministry Robert Z. Johnston, and installed him pastor of the church of Providence; that on the 23d day of Nov. 1861, they installed Rev. R. Z. Johnston pastor of the church of Sharon; that on the 21st day of Dec. 1861, they ordained Samuel Carruthers Alexander to the full work of the ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Steele Creek; that on the 20th day of Jan. 1862, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. Sinclair and the church of Charlotte, and declared said church vacant; that on the 15th day of March 1862, they lost by death the Rev. Henry N. Pharr; that on the 10th day of April 1862, they received, as a member, on certificate, Rev. Benjamin L. Beall, from the Presbytery of Bethel; that on the 18th day of April 1862, they installed Rev. Samuel Carruthers Alexander pastor of the church of Pleasant Hill; that on the 9th day of May 1862, they received, as a member on certificate, the Rev. S. S. Murkland, from the Presbytery of West Hanover; that on the 10th day of May 1862, they ordained to the full work of the ministry William M. Kilpatrick, and installed him pastor of the church of Concord Town; that on the 24th day of May 1862, they ordained to the full work of the ministry Robert B. Anderson, and installed him pastor of the church of Bethel; and that on the 3d day of Oct. 1862, they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. R. H. Chapman, D. D. and the church of Asheville, and declared said church vacant.

By order of Presbytery.

Oct. 4th 1862.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

These records are approved as far as written with the following exceptions;

On page 338, it appears that the Presbytery failed to examine a candidate for ordination, on experimental religion, philosophy & languages; which we deem contrary to the Form of Gov. Ch 15. sect. 11. —

Goldsboro, N. C.
Nov. 1st 1862.

J. M. Sherwood Mod.

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Friday, 28th September 1821

Resolved, That it be a standing order of the Synod, that Committees appointed to review the Presbyterial Books, be required always to report in writing; and that, in their reports, they confine their remarks to points of order, and discipline, and to such other general subjects as to them may appear useful and interesting to the members of Synod. Respecting verbal criticisms and omissions, and respecting all matters of minor consequence, — instead of bringing them before Synod, it shall be the duty of the committee, to make detached memorandums of all such matters, and hand them to the Stated Clerk, or some other member of the Presbytery constituting.

Truly extracted from the 150th and 151st pages of the Minutes of Synod Signed Colin McIver Stated Clerk

Printed for the use of Presbyteries and Committees of review.

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Roll 1866

Names	Ordained	Received from	Dismissed to	Died.
Walter Smiley Pharr	Nov. 18th 1820			
Robt. Hall Morrison	Apl. 21st 1821			
Stephen Frontis	Nov. 4th 1823			
Jesse Rankin	May 15th 1825	Orange, Nov. 5, 1856		
Daniel F. Penick, Sen,	Dec. 1825			
Daniel Lindley	Nov. 7 1832			
Robert Bedwell		Orange, Apl. 2. 1858		
James Elijah Morrison	Sept 18th 1834			
James Davidson Hall	Nov. 1834			
Nathan Shotwell	Oct. 1837	Huntingdon, Sept. 1857		
John Douglas	1836	Charleston, May 3 1866		
C. W. V. Hunt says E. Hunt Rockwell	Dec. 15. 1841			
Robt. Hett Chapman	Apl. 1841	E. Ha. Apl. 11. 56.		
John Leighton Kirkpatrick		Charleston, July 19, 61. Lexington Oct. 5, 66		
William Graves		Union, Apl. 15, 59		
Sydney Smith Muskland		W. Hanover, May 8. 62. 2 Phil. Oct. 5, 66.		
Walter Wellington Pharr	Oct. 13th 1842			
John M. M. Caldwell		Cherokee, Oct. 4, 66.	To Pres of Orange Sept 24. 1867	
Thomas N. Sapston	Aug. 1843			
J. J. N. Freeman				
Thomas E. Davis	June. 17. 1845			
Robert N. Davis	Oct. 1845			
J. C. Millen,		Pres. L. R. Oct. 15. 66		
Samuel Caldwell Pharr	May 20th 1848			
Jacob Hood	Sept. 14, 1849	Union, Oct 3. 66		
Arnold W. Miller		E. Hanover May 1866.		
Benjamin S. Beall	Oct. 4th 1851			
William C. Shultz,	May 15th 1852			
John C. Carson		Union, Apl. 15, 59		

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Names	Ordained	Received from	Dismissed to	Died.
J. Scott Barr	Sept 24. 1856			
H. B. Ratt		Orange. May 3. 66		
George Dickinson Parks	June 13. 1856			
George E. Eagleton	April 1853	Union. May 3. 66		
Alexander Sinclair	June 1856.	Alleghany. Oct. 21. 57	Do 1st Pres. Phil. Penn. May 1. 1867	
Jethro Rumple	Jan. 9. 1857			
Leander L. Stewart	Oct. 9. 1857			
Daniel A. Penick jun	Jan 28. 1858			
William Walter Phare	May 14. 1858			
John Curtis Stewart	May 9th 1859			
William A. Wood	Aug. 29. 1859			
Hinsdow B. Watts	Oct. 19. 1861			
John Davies Wilson	Aug. 29. 1859			
Robert Lenas Johnston	Nov. 17. 1861			
~~Samuel Carruthers Alexander~~	Dec. 21. 1861	Erased from the Roll Oct. 10. 1866		
Ephraim H. Harding		Orange Oct. 13. 66.		
William Morton Kilpatrick	May 10. 1862			
Robert B. Anderson	May 24. 1862			
William McDonald	Oct. 16. 1863			
Gilbert R. Brackett	May 14 1864			
George J. Porter		Bethel. Sept 13. 65. 2nd Pres. Oct. 4. 66		
Henry Howard Banks		Bethel Sept. 13. 65		
William V. Morrison	Nov. 10. 1837			
Thos. McPhail	1838	E. Hanover. Sept. 24. 1867.		
Geo. M. Gibbs	May 31, 1849	Hagerstville April 11. 1868		
Jno C. Williams	May 1847	2d Pres. Sept 24, 1868		
Jno J. Kennedy	June 13. 1868			
R. H. Caldwell	Aug 1. 1868.	~~North Miss Pres April 11. 1865~~		
Wm P. Johnston		North-Miss Pres April 11. 1865		
Robt Bradly	1869	Harmony Pres - 11 - 30 - 1869		

Thyatira Church, Rowan County N. C.
Thursday, April 10th. 1863.
11 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator Rev. J. C. Millen from I Tim. IV: 13 Give attendance to..... doctrine. Constituted with prayer.

Present, Ministers

Rev. Messrs. H. B. Phare.
W. Morton,
Jesse Rankin,
J. D. Hall
E. F. Rockwell
Walter H. Phare
Thos. M. Paxton
R. A. Davis.
R. N. Lafferty,
J. C. Pharr, Ir. Sc.
H. C. Sheetz,
G. D. Parks.
J. C. Millen,
B. J. Rider,
Rumple,
D. A. Penick, jun.
Wm H. Phare.

Ruling Elders

Messrs. J. H. Caldwell,
R. S. McDowell,
David White,
N. H. Craig,
H. K. Holland,
Jacob Rider,
J. J. Purcell,
D. H. Patterson,
A. H. Summey,
John Steel,
W. H. Michal,
R. A. McNeely,
J. R. Davidson,
D. A. Davis,
A. B. Fetton,
A. Fuller
Henry Seehler,

Ministers, J. C. Stewart
J. D. Wilson;
J. S. Barr,
W. L. Walls,
R. L. Johnston,
B. L. Beall,
H. M. Kilpatrick,
R. B. Anderson

Ruling Elders E. Nye Hutchison,
John Walker,
W. H. Johnston
H. A. Rice,
J. A. Hill
G. J. Flemming,
A. H. McIntosh,
Agnus Morrison,
Thomas Brown
A. J. Stott,
John R. Patterson,
R. R. Brown
J. M. Alexander,
J. A. McClelland,
Wm Greenwood
J. R. D. Adams, M.D.
Joseph Rice.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. D. A. Brick jun. for Moderator, and Rev. T. M. Davis and H. J. Summey for temporary Clerks.

Presbytery took a recess of forty five minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The reading of the minutes of the last semi-annual meeting was dispensed with.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Brick Sen, and D. D. Kirkland appeared in Presbytery, and assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The Supplies appointed at the last meeting were called upon to answer whether they had discharged the duty imposed on them; whereupon it appeared that a majority had failed to perform the

duty assigned. Rev. Messrs. S. Mentis, J. C. Stewart; and J. D. Wilson, assigned satisfactory reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Presbytery. The Church Sessions not represented in Presbytery at its last meeting, were called upon to report whether they had made the appointment of Delegate, and whether they had required him to answer for his non-attendance.

Rev. E. D. Junkin, of the Presbytery of Lexington, Rev. Wm. A. Reed, of the Presbytery of Orange, and Rev. Thos. E. Davis, of the Presbytery of South Carolina, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

Letters were received and read. from Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. A. Sinclair, R. Burwell, J. C. Carson, and William Graves, assigning satisfactory reasons for their absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery.

The Moderator announced the following committees; viz, Committee on Devotional Exercises; Rev. B. J. Kreiter and Henry Sechler, On Supplies; Rev. Jesse Rankin, Rev. J. D. Wilson and M. H. Michal. On Narrative, Rev. Walter W. Pharr, Rev. B. L. Beall, and John Walker, Judicial Committee, Rev. R. H. Longsdorf, Rev. J. V. Paxton and D. A. Davis, Minutes of Synod, Rev. W. Pharr, J. D. Rev. M. L. Sheely, and W. H. Johnston.

It was made the first order of the day, for to-morrow morning to hand in Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, and the Reports from the several Church Sessions on the State of Religion within their bounds.

A communication was laid before Presbytery and read, being the request of a Sister that Presbytery would pray for the conversion of her Brother. It was resolved that Presbytery will comply with the request to-morrow morning, and that during this meeting one half hour be spent each morning in devotional exercises.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of Commissioners to

the General Assembly. Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. (and) Jesse Rankin, and Messrs D. A. Davis and John Walker, were appointed Principals: and Rev. Messrs D. A. Penick, jun, and William H. Phair, Messrs A. C. McIntosh and J. R. B. Adams were appointed Alternates.

Rev. Messrs Jesse Rankin, Walter H. Phair, and R. I. McDowell were appointed a committee to re-model the permanent Committee on the examination of candidates.

Prof. W. B. Lynch, a member of Bethlehem Church, Orange County was introduced to Presbytery, with a view of placing himself under the care of this Presbytery, as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry. He was examined in experimental religion, and his views in seeking the ministry, and this examination being sustained as satisfactory, he was taken under care of Presbytery as a candidate.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to morrow morning at 9½ o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Thursday Morning
April 11th 1863

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Rev. E. H. Rockwell obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning. Messrs J. A. McLelland J. R. D. Adams, J. A. Hill, J. R. Davidson and M. H. Knox obtained leave of absence after the sessions of this morning.

Rev. D. S. Stuart, E. Aye Hutchison and J. Walker were appointed a Committee on leave of absence.

Mr. D. A. Davis and Rev. S. C. Pharr D. D. were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Agent of Domestic Missions.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz.

Committee to nominate Trustees for Female College: Rev. Jesse

Rankin, Rev. J. Rumple, and R. I. McDowell;

Committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College: Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. Rev. A. H. Lafferty and D. A. Davis.

Committee on Sessional Records, viz: Sessional Records of Hopewell Church, Yamak, Unity (Lincoln Co.) and Machpelah, Rev. J. D. Hall and David White.

Charlotte, Rocky River, and Olney, Rev. E. H. Rockwell, and William R. Holland.

College Church, Hopewell and Dallas, Rev. Walter H. Phair and Jacob Krider.

Statesburg, Lenoir and Goshen, Rev. Thos. H. Paxton and J. J. Purcell.

New Hope, Third Creek and Fifth Creek, Rev. A. H. Lafferty, and J. H. Patterson.

Flat Creek, Swannanoa, and Saw Creek, Rev. S. C. Pharr D. D. and A. S. Summey.

Asheville, Salisbury and Kimarsee, Rev. W. C. Sheety and John Steel.

Philadelphia, Bethpage and Marion, Rev. G. D. Parks and W. H. Michal.

Silcam, Prusilla and Lebanon, Rev. S. C. Allen and R. A. McNeely.

Rutherfordton, Little Britain and Duncans Creek, Rev. B. Scott Krider and J. R. Davidson.

Lincolnton, Long Creek, and Sugar Creek, Rev. D. S. Markland, and D. A. Davis.

Monroe, Concord Town and Hendersonville, Rev. Wm. H. Phair and A. Fuller.

Centre, Morganton, and Franklin (Macon Co.) Rev. J. C. Stewart and Henry Fiehler.

Ebenezer, Concord and Shiloh, Rev. J. D. Wilson and E. Aye Hutchison M. D.

Upatoia, Back Creek, and Prospect, Rev. J. S. Barr and John Walker.

Bethel, Bethany and Tabor, Rev. W. S. Watts and M. W. Johnston.

Steel Creek, Pleasant Hill, and Unity (Rowan Co.) Rev. R. Z. Johnston and A. H. Knox.

Huron, Providence and Hillsboro, Rev. D. S. Stuart & J. A. Hill.

Philadelphia, Bethlehem and Franklin (Rowan Co.) Rev. H. M. Kilpatrick and D. J. Flemming.
Zoar, Salem and Shiloh Creek, Rev. R. B. Anderson and A. C. McIntosh.
Taylorsville and Bethesda, Rev. R. N. Davis and C. Morrison.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, viz: the handing in of Sessional Records, Statistical Reports, and Reports on the State of religion, this business was attended to.

Rev. Samuel Carruthers Alexander appeared in Presbytery and obtained satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Presbytery proceeded to the standing order of the day for 11 o'clock, viz: The hearing the report of the Agent of Domestic Mission. The report was received, and after several addresses on this subject, was adopted and is as follows, viz:

Appropriated, paid out $ 663

The committee in charge of the Domestic Missionary work in the Presbytery of Concord beg leave to report that the following Brethren have been commissioned and have been laboring in the fields to which named, viz:

1 Rev. Isaac Rankin, Evangelist 8 months, Salary $600.00
2 Rev. A. McMorrison, Iredell County " $ 100.00
3 Rev. H. C. Moore, Macon County " $250.00
4 Rev. Jno. Graves, Maywood County " $ 100.00
5 Rev. J. C. Carson, Iredell & Catawba Co's " $ 100.00
6 Rev. J. C. Kennedy, Cherokee (6 months) $125.00

In all six Missionaries at salaries of $1375.00 in the aggregate. Salaries paid to these Brethren has been felt to be inadequate, but funds was not then before Committee to increase it materially. But the Committee is now happy to report that the funds on hand will justify the addition of fifty per cent to the above named amounts.

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During the past year the Churches have contributed the sum of $ 3065.90. Paid out $ 1430.50 Cts. Balance on hand at this time $ 2261.25 Cts. This is considerably more than the aggregate of the preceding year.

It is however a source of sorrow and humiliation that the pleasure of the Lord has not prospered cheeringly in our Missionary fields. They have been visited by the same refreshments and determinations prominent in the other Churches. The gathering in a reproper of the harvest received.

(1) The Evangelist has been laboring as usual with some success. He reports Ten additions to the Church in his field.

(2) From the Rowan Mission Brother Morrison reports continuance of labor, under some discouragements. Services at both stations, prayer meetings are regularly observed. One at both School House services. Ten additions reported in Lebanon.

Brother Morrison preaches at five places.

(3) Brother J. C. Carson reports good attendance upon his ministrations at New Salem, Cabarrus County. 16 conversions are reported. Bro. Carson has ceased to labor as Missionary and remains.

(4) In the Maywood Mission, at four points, Brother Graves has preached once a month to congregations of from 40 to 150 persons. Church no additions have been made this year, he is sanguine that eight or ten will soon be added, besides a whole Church of New School Presbyterians.

(5) Your Committee received two reports from Brother Moore, in Macon County. 16 conversions reported, and a good religious interest in that Mission. Some faint tokens of awakening interest appear in Ebenezer Church.

(6) Brother J. C. Kennedy has been preaching six months of the first year in Cherokee. Congregations have been generally fair and the interest not marked, but encouraging.

He made an effort to promote the study of the Shorter Catechism; with what success does not appear. No Conversions nor additions are reported.

From this synopsis it will be seen that fourteen additions have been made to the Church in the fields of the Evangelist and of the Rev. J. E. Morrison. It cannot be unjust however to estimate the whole success of missionary labor by mere numerical increase. Much good seed has been sown that will bear fruit in other years; and much consolation has been dispensed to the convicting people of God. Still in the limited growth of the Church in missionary grounds, there is cause for profound sorrow and humiliation; and we earnest call for more prayer for the outpourings of the Spirit of God upon all our churches.

There is also a want of Missionaries to the counties of Gladiolus, Clay, Duncombe and Cleveland. These are great Missionary fields unoccupied. God has put it into the hearts of his people to contribute liberally to this cause, and we have now more funds than the present demands upon the treasury can absorb. We therefore earnestly invite more of the good ministers to come over and help us.

Your Committee would still further call the attention of Presbytery to the claims of the army and military hospitals. These furnish most inviting fields of usefulness. A regimental or hospital Chaplaincy opens access to multitudes of sinners many of whom are in situations to receive the word with gladness. And if we have not a single representative in this good work. To remedy this deficiency recommend —

1st. That our Evangelist be requested to spend three months in the Army and the hospitals of this State at discretion.

2nd That all our Ministers earnestly and prayerfully consider this

important work, and if the way be clear in that direction, to seek and accept the post of regimental or hospital chaplain.

3rd That each minister be urged to spend as much time as possible in preaching the Gospel to our Soldiers, both in the army and the hospitals.

4th That Presbytery immediately devise some means to carry out the above recommendations.

Respectfully submitted

J. Dumble Secy. Walter M. Thorn Chairman Com. Dom. Missions

The following paper was presented and adopted, viz:—

In order to meet the pressing demand for the means of grace in our army, and army Hospitals, the Presbytery of Concord Resolves 1st. That as many of our Pastors and Stated Supplies as may find the way open be encouraged to accept regular chaplaincies.

Resolves 2nd. That all others who may be able be directed to spend a month or more the ensuing year in missionary labor in the army.

Resolves 3rd — That the Committee of Domestic Missions direct the labors of the brethren in suitable times and places, endeavoring if possible to keep three always in the field.

Resolves 4th — That Presbytery enjoins upon the Churches to contribute liberally to a fund to be placed in the hands of the Committee, and used in defraying the necessary expenses of the ministers in their missionary tours.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Agent of Domestic Missions presented their report which was adopted and is as follows, viz:—

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of Rev. E. H. Pockett Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions of Concord Presbytery, respectfully report that they have examined his accounts find all the charges sufficiently supported by proper vouch-

the same correctly stated, and the balance now in his hands subject to the order of the Chairman of Domestic Missions is $ 2261.25 cts. The whole amount of sums from all the Churches that have contributed to this fund during the last year is $ 3065.90 cts.

Amount paid out out to Missionaries $ 1130.50 cts.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes to meet in the Session House.

After recess.

Presbytery met and resolved to take a recess until after after Divine Service, to meet in the Church

After recess.

Presbytery met. The committee appointed to examine the Sessional records of Charlotte Church reported, recommending their approval as far as written with an exception. This report was adopted.

It was made the first order of the day for Monday morning to the reports of committees on Sessional records.

The Committee appointed to remodel the Standing Committees to examine candidates made the following report, which was received and adopted, viz:—

The committee appointed to remodel the Standing Committees to examine the examination of Candidates on the various branches of study, would submit the following, viz:—

Hebrew— Rev. Messrs. S. C. Pharr, J. Rumple, A. Sinclair, J. D. Wilson and J. C. Alexander.

Greek and Latin— Rev. Messrs E. H. Rockwell R. J. Johnston, J. E. Morrison, J. J. Hall, Jno. C. Carson, L. L. Stewart, R. Burwell, Thos. Graves and C. B. Anderson.

Sciences— Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. H. S. Moore N. Shotwell, J. D. Parks, W. S. Matts and J. S. Barr.

Theology— Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, D. A. Penick, Sen, S. Morris, R. H. Chapman D.D. B. L. Beall, S. S. Markland and J. C. Miller.

Ecclesiastical History— Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D.D. Walter W. Pharr, R. J. Davis, W. C. Shertz and Wm. W. Pharr

Church Government— Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, Thos. N. Barton, R. H. Leaffety. W. K. Morrison, B. S. Kreider, D. A. Penick, Jun. and J. C. Stewart.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. Rankin
Walter W. Pharr
R. J. McDowell.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, Viz:

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College recommend that the following persons be appointed to serve for four years, Rev. S. C. Pharr D. D. John Campbell, D. D. Anderson, A. Sinclair, Messrs. E. H. Hutchison M. D. J. C. Wilson, Samuel Reese M. D. and James M. Hutchison.

Rev. R. J. Johnston and Thomas Brown were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Rev. B. S. Kreider requested Presbytery to dissolve the Pastoral relation existing between himself and the Church of Unity (Rowan Co. and the Church uniting with him in this request, the request was granted, and said Church declared vacant; and Rev. B. S. Kreider was appointed to preach in Unity Church and make known to it this action of Presbytery.

Rev. Wm. M. Kilpatrick obtained obtained leave of absence until Monday Morning.

A letter was received and read from Mr. J. H. M. Freeman, who was deposed from the ministry by this Presbytery, July 7th 1847.

giving an account of his labors as Steward and Nurse in the Chair Ground Hospital at Raleigh

It was moved to restore Mr. Freeman to the work of the Ministry. After some discussion this matter was postponed until next Monday.

The Committee appointed to nominate Trustees for the Female College made their report, which was adopted and is as follows, viz:—

The committee appointed to nominate members to fill the vacancy in our Female College created by the expiration of the time of service of one class of Trustees report the following viz:— The following members are now in office at the present time, viz:— Rev. Walter H. Page, and Mr. J. H. Stockton and Thos. H. McRae is deceased. The recommend the re-appointment of Rev. Walter H. Page and Mr. J. H. Stockton, and the appointment of A. G. McNeill in the place of Thos. H. McRae, dec'd.

Respectfully submitted (Signed) J. Rumple

A. J. McDowell Com.

J. Rumple

The Committee on Sessional Exercises presented their report which was accepted, adopted and is as follows, viz:— (Report not among the papers)

The Committee on leave of absence presented a report which was adopted and is as follows, viz:—

The committee report that they have granted leave of absence for the sessions of this morning to Messrs Brown of Little Church, J. H. Holland, Holland Cook, D. D. McNeill, Sugar Creek, H. H. Cross Roads, B. F. Hutchinson Charlotte, Edwin H. Pharr, A. Austin, Hendersonville, J. D. Scanlon Fayetteville, D. D. Litton Bethel, H. P. Johnston Pleasant Hill, Thos. Smith Rock Creek, D. D. Brown Concord, Chas. J. Pfaff

Franklin (Roman Co.) H. L. Parks, Ramah, A. J. McDowell, Clerk (Lincoln Co.) D. F. Flemming, Wm. M. Michal.

(Signed) B. L. Abell
E. Lee Hutchison
John Walker

It was made the order of the day for Monday morning, at ten o'clock to hear the critical Lecture of Mr. J. J. Kennedy.

Presbytery adjourned to meet Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

Monday morning, April 15th 1867
8 o'clock.

Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises. The roll was was called and the minutes of Saturday were read and corrected.

Mr. Jacob Shriber obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: hearing the Critical Lecture of Mr. J. J. Kennedy, which was sustained as a satisfactory part of trial.

A letter was received and read from Rev. W. S. Moore, assigning reasons for his absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz: hearing the reports of Committees on Sessional records.

The report of the committee on the records of Ramah Church recommended their approval, so far as written, with the following resolution on the irregularities in said Minutes, viz:—

Presbytery advise the Session of Ramah to take our Book of Discipline for their guide and do what in their better judgment seems to be dutiful in the case of Mr. Geo. Oehler so far as his official duties and Church membership are concerned. (Signed) Jas. D. Hall

Daniel White Com.

The several committees on Sessional records presented their reports on the following records, which were adopted, and the exceptions noted in the books to which exceptions were taken, viz- Rocky River, College Church, Hopewell (with exceptions), Lenoir (with exceptions) Goshen, Fifth Creek (with exceptions) New Hope Third Creek (with exceptions) Paw Creek, Asheville, (with exceptions) Salisbury, Centre, Marion, Poplar Tent, Little Rittain, Statesville, Long Creek, Sugar Creek, Concord Town, Franklin (Newanta) Bethpage, Concord, Shiloh, Rocky Knot, Jack Creek (with exceptions) Thyatira (with exceptions) Bethel, Bethany, Pleasant Hill, (with exceptions) Steele Creek, (with exceptions), Providence, Sharon, Zoar, Fourth Creek, Salem, Bethesday (with exceptions), Taylorsville (with exceptions) and Drusilla.

The Committee appointed at a former meeting to prepare a Historical Sketch of the life of Rev. H. M. Pharr, presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the book, kept by Presbytery for that purpose.

The Committee on Home was permitted to retire for the purpose of examining the Records on the Home Department.

The Executive Committee on Education presented their report which was accepted adopted and is as follows, viz-

The committee appointed to meet to-day, have had a meeting and have agreed to report to Presbytery, that we have only a few remarks to make in addition to those made in our report of yesterday. We have only the same encouragements that we had a year ago, viz- Mr. Morgan & Pearce, and Mr. Lafayette Wood are still in the Home. Mr. Wood has been employed as Tutor in the Academy. We recommend that the matter of the Teaching Force of the Home be left to the Executive Committee of Education with power to act.

& absorbed the minds both of our youth and their parents so entirely, to exclude the far more important interests of religion, and claims of the Church. If this state of things continues for even a short time, the conclusion is unavoidable, viz- That the churches will be left without Pastors and the shepherds without congregations. The fathers are passing away, the young ministers with the licentiates and candidates are removed only in the army - being either killed in battle or dying of disease. Beyond all question only a few years more and the church will experience an alarming dearth for the want of men to break the bread of life to our spiritually famishing population. Nor can ministers of the Gospel be recruited both at home and in the army, to stem the flowing tide of infidelity and worldliness. Indeed we must at least double the usual number of ministers to supply the demand.

We could supply the means to educate - but no men to educate. Besides the contributions of the present year, we have on hand more than $10[illegible].00 of Education funds, as the Treasurers Report will show. Surely in view of the facts now present the obligation on the part of the Church has never been more manifest or imperative. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth the laborers into His Harvest, for the Harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few."

The Committee therefore respectfully and most earnestly ask the Presbytery seriously and solemnly to consider the exigencies of this cause, and to instruct us what we can or ought to do in the premises.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) D. A. Penick, Sec.

The following resolution was presented and adopted, viz.—
Resolved, That the Treasurer of Education and Church Extension be instructed to invest the money in his hands in Eight per cent, Confederate bonds.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.—
The committee appointed to designate for the vacant churches and destitute settlements, would submit the following, viz.—
Rev. H. N. Elmore one week in Edgefield and Abbeville counties.
Rev. Wm. Graves one week in Edgefield County.
Rev. J. C. Carson one week in Jackson
Rev. R. H. Chapman D.D. one week in Anderson and Pickens.
Rev. W. S. S. Wood and J. Thomas each one week at Flat Rock
Rev. Wm. Williamson two Sabbaths and Rev. J. Scott Fridays one Sabbath at Spartanburg.
Rev. A. Sherard one Sabbath at Sandy Plains.
Rev. Jas. Carlisle one Sabbath at Prosperity.
Rev. R. A. Davis one Sabbath at Bethany Rock Chapel
Rev. W. C. Shirley one Sabbath at Salem Rock Chapel
Rev. Messrs. Porter A. Pearson and J. S. Wilson one Sabbath each in Abbeville County.
Rev. Jas. Murchison one week in Pickens County.
Rev. D. E. Doak one Sabbath at Unity (Newberry County)
Rev. Messrs. A. Chalmers, Kirkpatrick & D. and J. H. Rosebrough one Sabbath each at Newberry.
Rev. Messrs. R. D. Anderson, A. C. Thomas D.D. and J. S. Wallace one Sabbath each in Chesterville.
Rev. Messrs. J. C. Alexander and R. G. Johnston one week each in Union County.
Rev. J. H. Fairbairn one week in Stanly County.
All other Ministers not specifically designated to attend one

Sabbath and as much of the week as practicable in some vacant Church or some destitute settlement:
In all cases brethren visiting vacant churches administer the Communion when it is desired and seems proper.
(Signed) J. Rankin, J. D. Wilson, W. H. Michael } Com.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the State of religion within our bounds presented their Report, which was accepted, and adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows, viz.
The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative upon the State of religion within the bounds of the Presbytery, would report that the narrative for the year has more reference to the calls of the Great Head of the Church and without parallel in the annals of our country for which the very foundations of Society have been shaken, the most unpropitious influences into the bosom of the Church. Many of the precious youth of our congregations have fallen asleep amidst the clash of arms and the roar of cannon. Some of the most consecrated of the officers have during the last year fallen in the service of their country. Throughout many bereaved bounds weeping for their children, and refusing to be comforted because they are not.
Among the signs which speak of the slumbering influence of a cold spirit of speculation and worldliness upon vital godliness.
But few additions are made to the Church to fill up the ranks thinned by the sword and disease. In some of our largest Churches the additions are not equal to the deaths.

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nearly united reports from a little more than one third of the whole number of the churches under our care. We suppose that those that have reported are a fair specimen of those that have not. We are glad to be able to report that a total darkness does not rest upon our ecclesiastical horizon. There are some bright spots that seem more brilliant from the surrounding darkness. Most of the reports speak of good attendance and solemn attention to the means of grace. Sabbath Schools and Bible classes and Prayer meetings receive due attention and proper encouragement. In a few of our churches unusually large additions and conversions; and in one or two cases unusually solemn interest to the subject of religion, and several professions among those who were the adherents of the church.

The Pastors salaries have been promptly paid, and in several reported instances more than paid, together with other tokens of kindness that show that many of our people are not unmindful of the obligations resting upon them to minister to the temporal wants of those who minister to them in spiritual things.

But in view of the state of religion in our bounds many are not upon our feelings in the language of Isaiah, How long, O Lord, O how, and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. Take a glance around to the days when these have been afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let the work appear unto thy servants and thy glory unto their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands upon us yea the work of our hands establish thou it. Respectfully submitted -

(Signed) Walter M. Chan, D. L. Beall, Jno. McClenahan.

The Treasurer of Presbytery presented his report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz.

The Treasurer of Presbytery begs leave respectfully to report that the treasury is in a prosperous condition and that the churches have more generally than heretofore, punctually paid up their assessments, and many of them the accumulated arrearages of past years. In consequence of this and the small expenses of our commissioners to the last General Assembly there remains in the treasury a balance of $220.00, of which Presbytery is asked to make a proper disposition.

The following churches, however, have failed to pay any part of their assessment, viz.- Beech, College Chapel, Dairesville, Rivers Chapel, Franklin, Hazardville, Hillsboro, Lebanon, Mallard Creek, Mills River, Monroe, Newton, Philadelphia, Prospect, Sandy Plains, Swannanoa and Waynesville, amounting in the aggregate $175.00.

The following churches have paid only a part of their assessment, viz. Bethel in arrears $2.00, Concord, Jamestown $5.00, Jonas Creek $10.00, Little Creek $5.00, Hopewell $5.00, amounting in the aggregate to $27. on partial assessments. Total arrearages $117.00.

The Treasurer recommends that Presbytery enjoin upon these churches to pay these arrearages in full, or show good cause why they should not be paid.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. Rumple, Treas. of Concord Pby.

A paper was laid before Presbytery signed by several persons professing to be members of the old Rheims Creek church, remonstrating against the action of Presbytery at a former meeting, in dissolving the Rheims Creek

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Church and organizing the Mt Carmel Church. This
paper was referred to the Judicial Committee.
Rev. Wm. McKee tendered his resignation as a member
of the Committee of Domestic Missions. This resigna-
tion was accepted, and the Rev. D. Scott Miller was e-
lected to fill the vacancy.
Messrs. R. A. McDowell, and D. A. Davis were appointed mem-
bers of the committee of Domestic Missions in the place
of Messrs Wm. Murdock, and J. C. Harringer who have
ceased to act on the committee.
The committee on Hebrew reported, recommending that the
examination of Mr. J. J. Reynolds in Hebrew, and that his
Latin Exegesis be returned as satisfactory parts of trial.
This report was adopted.
The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the
Treasurer of Presbytery presented their report which
was adopted and is as follows, viz:—

Centre Church Mar 1863

The undersigned committee appointed to audit the
accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery report that
they have performed the duty assigned, and have found
them correctly kept. The payments sustained by vouch-
ers and a balance of $130.12 in the Treasury.

(Signed) R. Y. Johnston
Chas. Wilson } Com.

The case of Mr. J. H. H. Freeman was taken up and af-
ter discussion and expressing of views on this subject, Revs.
Messrs. S. Houston, Walter W. Pharr, and Mr. W. C. McIn-
tosh were appointed to bring in a report expressing the
sense of Presbytery in the premises.
The following resolutions were presented and adopted, viz.—

1. Resolved. That in the opinion of this Presbytery the Southern Pres-
byterian Review, published in Columbia S. C. by an Association
of Ministers is a periodical which should be more generally read and
circulated among Presbyterians.
2nd. Resolved- That every elder ought to read and study this Review,
since all the great questions concerning the doctrine and polity of the
Presbyterian Church are discussed in it by the ablest and best in-
formed men of the church.
3rd. Resolved- That this Presbytery recommend to all its Pastors to
bring this Review to the notice of their respective congregations, and
urge upon them the importance of more generally patronizing it.
Rev. J. Rumble tendered his resignation as Treasurer of
Presbytery, which was on motion respectfully declined.
A plan for procuring a systematic return for presenting Statistic-
al reports, and reports on the State of Religion together
with the annual reports of Ministers and Churches, was
presented and read, and was referred to a committee consist-
ing of Revs Messrs J. Rumble, E. D. Parks, R. H. Lafferty and
Mr. A. J. Semmey, to report thereon at the next meeting of Presbytery.
The following resolution was adopted, viz:—
Resolved. That Friday the 24th day of this month be set apart as a
day of special prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon the produc-
tions of the earth throughout the Confederate States during the present
season; and that it be recommended to all our Ministers and Churches, to
assemble on that day in their respective houses of worship, to in-
voke the blessing of God upon all the productions of the earth which
are necessary to supply the wants of men and beasts.
The committee appointed to bring in a paper in relation to
Mr. J. H. H. Freeman presented their report which was ac-
cepted.
John Miller Esq. obtained leave of absence after this morning.

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Rev. Messrs A. H. Pharr, and H. C. Pharr D. D. obtained leave of absence after this morning.

The Treasurer was directed to place $40. in the hands of each one of the Commissioners to the General Assembly.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes.

After recess

Presbytery met. Mr. David White obtained leave of absence from the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. J. S. Markland had permission granted to retain in his hands until the next meeting of Presbytery the calls from the Churches of Nothing and Fifth Creek.

The Chairman of the Commission appointed to visit Swannanoa presented a verbal report stating in substance that they had gone there to do nothing by their visit to Swannanoa Congregation; that there were no serious difficulties existing in Swannanoa Congregation; but that there were difficulties existing between two Ministerial Brethren living in the bounds of said Congregation. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Judicial Committee to whom was referred the papers in relation to the petition of the members of the old Reems Creek Church presented their report which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz.—

The Judicial Committee report on the papers from some of the members of the former Reems Creek Church that they have considered this subject and recommend that a committee of three be now appointed to visit the old Reems Creek Church and procure the information there can be relating to the matter of this petition, and that this petition be referred to them for their guidance in this inquiry, and that this Committee report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

(Signed) R. H. Lafferty, Chairman of Com.

Rev. R. A. Davis, Rev. A. Shotwell, and Ma. L. H. Greenlee were appointed on the above Committee.

Presbytery resumed the unfinished business, viz. the papers in relation to Mr. J. H. H. Freeman. These papers were adopted and the Stated Clerk directed to forward to Mr. Freeman a copy of it. It is as follows, viz.—

Whereas Mr. J. H. H. Freeman who was deposed from the office of the Gospel Ministry and suspended from the privileges of the Church by this Presbytery on the 11th day of June 1848, has since manifested by his walk and conversation not only true repentance, but a sincere desire to be restored to his office and whereas in consequence a memorial was presented to Presbytery from the Church at New Hope in April 11th 1851, he was restored to Church privileges — and whereas in the memorial was also presented to this Presbytery from several churches well accounted with the conduct of Mr. Freeman during the Presbytery to restore him to the office of the Gospel Ministry, and whereas Mr. Freeman has since exerted himself to labor as a Christian in the bounds of this great congregation and Presbytery, as well as with the appointments of Brethren in Orange Presbytery — therefore

Resolved, That the said sentence of deposition from the office of the Gospel Ministry be, and same is now, removed from Mr. J. H. H. Freeman, and that he is now by the vote of this Presbytery fully restored to the office of the Gospel Ministry, and that his name be now enrolled among the standing Members of this Body as one of our Members

Moreover that the Presbytery recommend to Brother Freeman either to continue to labor in the Hair ground Hospital as a Minis-

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ter of the Gospel, or if he prefer, to apply for a Chaplaincy from the Confederate Government.

(Signed) D. Fronties, Walter W. Pharr, A. C. McIntosh } Com.

It was resolved, That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting at the Church of Little Britain Rutherford County, on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August next at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Treasurer of Publication was directed to invest the funds in his hands under the direction of the Executive Committee.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Converse Female College was read and received, and is as follows, viz:-

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Converse Female College would respectfully report to Presbytery, That the good Hand of our God upon us the Servants of our Church have been manifested; while they have been permitted to enjoy such health as to attend with a slight exception or two to their accustomed duties as Teachers. The health of the pupils too has been about as good the last year as any preceding year. None of those diseases which have caused so much alarm in various sections of our country have found their way into our school. Our location is very happy in that respect.

During last fall session one of our pupils, a very amiable little daughter of J. Witherspoon Esqr. of Bethesda Congregation having been called home to see her sister die of Diptheria took the same disease, of which she too died, and we were permitted to see her in her place in the College no more.

Also a little boy, a son of James Anderson Esqr, of Statesville, a pupil in the Preparatory Department of our College, sickened and died, we think, of the same disease. These together with

a most lovely and amiable daughter of A. C. McIntosh Esqr. of Taylorsville, are the only deaths that have taken place among the pupils connected with this Institution during the present Administration of three years. So much health and so few deaths among many youth, for a period of three years, we would record as a matter of special favor on the part of the Head of the Church, calling for thanksgiving on our part.

The present number of pupils is about Eighty six.

With a full corps of such pupils as many are, whose names now on our roll, we feel that we could very safely promise to carry out the original and noble design of Presbytery in founding her College, viz:- A high degree of intellectual and moral culture, together with such improvement in taste, manners and accomplishments, as to fit the daughters of the Church for high and useful stations in Society. Would that we could say this of all our pupils.

As to the Spiritual or moral advantages of the College, we feel confident, that they are not fewer, nor less faithfully and vigorously administered, than Presbytery contemplated in her original design. We feel that the College justly deserves to be entitled a Christian Institution. The pupils are all required to attend Church twice on Sabbath, and Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening. And in addition to hearing the Scriptures read morning and evening in the Chapel, in connexion with the Prayers, they are all required to read the Bible daily in Classes in the College, and they are exhorted to read their Bibles each morning.

They are very faithfully exhorted, particularly on Sabbath Morning, to remember their Creator in the days of their youth; and instructed specially in the manner of spending the Sabbath, and of improving the ordinances of the Sanctuary. A Bible Class consisting of all the boarders of the College, meets in the Chapel, on Sabbath afternoon. The exercises of this Class

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consist in giving the text of the sermon for that morning, the divisions of the subject and what they recollect of the sermon. In these particulars we have witnessed an encouraging improvement. A portion of the Bible is then read by the pupils and a portion of the Shorter Catechism recited, interspersed with such remarks and reflections as the Teacher thinks proper.

And here I must record to the honor of one of our pupils, that, she can recite the Shorter Catechism in our Church, asking herself, and answering the questions through, from first to last without the aid of the Book. She can then begin with the last and return to the first in the same manner. To Back Creek Congregation of this Presbytery belongs the honor of furnishing us with this pupil, and to Miss Hattie Goodman of a family in connexion with that congregation belongs the honor of being that pupil. Her name should be inscribed in letters of gold in the book of her Sabbath School

How many more of the daughters of the Church, will emulate her example, and go and do likewise? Could we but have the most recollect Catechism of our Church, thus at command by her sons and daughters, under the conduct and blessing of the Holy Spirit, we might feel safe as regards our youth.

Let all our Sabbath Schools make the Shorter Catechism their main text book. Read Dr. Alexanders valuable tract on the value of Catechetical instruction, and on the Shorter Catechism as the main book. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) _____ Committee

The following Resolution was read and adopted, viz.

Resolved,- That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the Congregation of Thyatira, for their kindness and hospitality in entertaining its Members during its sessions, and that the Pastor of this Church be requested to read this Resolution publicly to the Congregation.

The Minutes of to day were read and approved. Presbytery adjourned to meet in the Church of Little Britain, Rutherford County, N. C. on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1863, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with the singing, prayer, and the Apostolic Benediction.

D. H. Buick, Jun. Moderator.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk. } R. N. Davis, A. J. Summey } Temporary Clerks

N. B. The following members of Presbytery were absent, throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons for their absence, viz— Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D. D. Daniel Lindsly, James E. Morrison, Wm. S. Morrison, Nathan Shotwell, R. H. Chapman D. D. Lecander L. Stewart.

The following church Sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery, during its present Sessions, viz.— Mackpelah, Castanea Grove, Monroe, Lenoir, College Church, Dallas, Paw Creek, Lebanon, Wadesboro', Goshen, Shelby, Sandy Plains, Beulah, Marion, Siloam, Morganton, Ebenezer and Franklin, (Macon Co.) Hiwassee, Davidsons River, Mills River, Swannanoa, Flat Creek, Duncans Creek, Drusilla, Wilkesboro' Newton, Bethlehem and Salem.

"Pro re nata Meeting."

Statesville N. C.

June 15th 1863, 10 o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the call, by circular letter of the Moderator. Present, Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr, J. Rumple, E. H. Rockwell, B. L. Beall, J. D. Wilson, and R. Z. Johnston— Ruling Elders— Messrs. M. D. Johnston

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Dr. J. G. Ramsay, E. B. Stimson, A. D. Denny and Thos. H. Neely.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. B. L. Beall was chosen Moderator, and Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Temporary Clerk. Constituted with prayer.

The object of this meeting, as set forth in the circular of the Moderator, being to consider a request of Rev. J. D. Wilson for the dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between himself and the church of Taylorsville, Presbytery proceeded to the business.

The Commissioners of the Church of Taylorsville not being able to attend, united in this request in a letter which was read before the Presbytery. The reasons for presenting this request, as stated by Rev. J. D. Wilson being regarded satisfactory, it was unanimously—

Resolved- That the pastoral relation between Rev. John D. Wilson and the church of Taylorsville, be, and it is hereby, dissolved.

Rev. B. L. Beall was appointed to visit said congregation and declare the pastoral relation dissolved.

Presbytery adjourned "sine die." Closed with prayer.

B. L. Beall Moderator.

R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk. R. Z. Johnston, Clerk pro tem.

"Pro re nata Meeting."

Davidson College N. C.

Tuesday July 14th 1863

10 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the call by circular of the Moderator, and in the absence of the Moderator, Rev. S. C. Millen last Moderator present took the chair, and constituted the meeting with prayer.

Present Rev. Messrs. E. H. Morrison, D.D. J. D. Hall, J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. S. C. Millen, E. H. Rockwell, Walter W. Pharr, Wm. W. Pharr, J. D. Parks, J. Rumple and R. B. Anderson. Ruling Elders, Messrs. Thos. A. Allison, Chh of Fourth Creek, R. J. McDowell, Chh. of Unity (Lincoln Co.) D. A. Davis, Chh of Salisbury. E. Nye Hutchison, Chh. of Charlotte, and Alexander Jetton Chh. of Bethel.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty was appointed Temporary Clerk. Rev. J. H. Saye of the Presbytery of Bethel, and Rev. H. B. Cunningham D.D. of the Presbytery of Charleston, being present, were invited to sit as Corresponding Members.

The object for which this Presbytery was called to hold this meeting, as set forth in the Moderators Circular, was stated, Viz.—To consider a request of the Rev. R. B. Anderson for the dissolution of Pastoral relation existing between himself and the Church of Bethel, that he might be free to go and labor as a chaplain in our Army.

Hearing heard fully the Rev. R. B. Anderson and the Church of Bethel, it was unanimously—

Resolved— That Presbytery decline granting the request of the Rev. R. B. Anderson to dissolve the pastoral relation, but that permission is hereby given him to go, with the consent of his church, and labor in the Army as a Chaplain.

Presbytery adjourned "sine die"

Closed with prayer.

S. C. Millen, Mod.

R. H. Lafferty, Temporary Clerk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

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The Presbytery of Concord reports to the General Assembly that it consists of

Ministers Licentiates and Candidates.	Post Office Address.	Churches.	Commissioned Added on Examination	Commissioned Added on Certificate
Walter L. Pharr, S.S.	Parkerstown N.C.	Mallard Creek S.S.	6	1
R. H. Morrison D.D. L.L.	Cottage Home N.C.	Unity, Lincoln Co. S.S.	8	
		Hackpelah S.S.		
		Eastanee Grove S.S.	5	
Stephen Frontis N.C.	Leaf Mill, N.C.	Wadesboro V.		
Jesse Rankin Evangelist	Lenoir N.C.	Lenoir S.S.	2	3
D. A. Penick Jr. P.	Pioneer Mills N.C.	Rocky River P.	4	4
Daniel Lindley S.M.		Hendersonville V.		
Robert Burwell P.	Charlotte N.C.	Paw Creek P.	4	1
James E. Morrison S.M.	Morven N.C.	Lebanon S.S.		
James D. Hall P.	Woodlawn N.C.	Goshen C. Nts Hope S.S. Olney S.S.	22	1
Wm. A. Morrison N.C.	Asheville N.C.	Mills River V.		
Nathan Shotwell P.	Rutherfordton N.C.	Rutherfordton P.		
		Little Britain P.	2	
E. F. Rockwell Esq.	Davidson College N.C.	Swannanoa V. Hazlewood V.		
R. H. Chapman D.D. Del.	Lincolnton, Gallastegui Mem.	Asheville S.S.	3	6
J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. Pres.	Davidson College, N.C.	College Church S.S.		
John C. Carson S.M.	Mills' River N.C.	Sandy Plains V.		
Wm. Graves S.M.	Mills River N.C.	Shoal ville V.		
S. S. Murkland S.S.	Bethany Church N.C.	Bethany S.S.		
J. H. W. Freeman Chaplain to army.		Jabor S.S.		
		Fifth Creek S.S.	3	5
		Joppa S.S.	2	
Walter W. Pharr P.	Statesville N.C.	Fourth Creek P.	13	15
L. C. Millen Pres. Sem.	Statesville N.C.	Monroe V.		
19		26	74	36

41 Ministers, and has under its care 20 churches 2 licentiates and 2 candidates, viz

Communicants Total of Communicants	Baptized Adults	Baptized Infants	Baptized in Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes	Funds collected. Domestic Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Publication	Church Extension	Freedmen	Congregational	Miscellaneous
220	1	16	30	43	32	22			12	170	
60		3		57	59	34	16				
18											
37	1	5		33	16	13	15		5		
15											
37		2	45	70	113					203	236
599		37	150	286	82	50	47	16	30	2096	249
21			16								
215	1	10			13	6	20		25	900	15
58											
305	4	18		29					21	450	500
32											
23											
110	1	8	60	11	11	11			8	358	
110											
69		3	45	75	100	30	30		10	900	85
36											
8											
9											
75				10	10				10	225	90
36				10	10				8	195	
83	2	2	30	15	15				6	200	
42	1	6		24	24				4	225	24
317	4	12	70	91	28	90	12		20	2800	10
1422	16	122	446	733	513	256	140	16	159	8002	1197

Ministers	Post Office	Churches	On Ct		On Ct.	Col. Com	Tot. Com	Col. Sch	In. Sch	S. Sch	T. M.	T. M.	Exam	Public	Ch. Sc	Tres	Cong	Min
Thos. N. Barton S. S.	Marion N. C.	Marion S. S.	1		3	1	30		2		40	13	8			4	228	200
		Siloam S. S.	2			1	41		2		11	8		4		4	188	12
		Priscilla S. S.					10		1								17	
R. N. Davis P.	Lincolnton N. C.	Long Creek P.	1			1	109		11		47	26	20			6	17	
		Lincolnton S. S.	3		2		68	2	8		43			43		6		65
H. H. Lafferty S.	Charlotte N. C.	Sugar Creek P.	25		1	101	314	14	27	30	97	90		24		20	800	83
J. C. Shaw D. D.	Alexandriana N. C.	Hopewell P.	12		2	74	219	5	22	41	36	21	26	6	21	5	960	176
B. L. Beall S. S.	Lenoir N. C.	Franklin (Rowan) S. S.	1			4	41	1	1	10		10					241	4
Wm. C. Shertz P.	Morganton N. C.	Morganton P.	3			1	70		9	20	46	38				10	850	75
Wm. S. Moore P.	Franklin N. C.	Franklin (Macon) P.					25		4		27	16				2	100	
G. D. Parks W. C.	Rowan Mills N. C.	Ebenezer, Pastor				5	47		1		10	16					125	
		Third Creek P.	3			80	250	1	4	40	25	25	10	10		20	100	
B. Scott Krider P.	Rowan Mills N. C.	Thyatira P.	17		4	56	209	6	12		26					12	500	35
A. Sinclair S. S.	Charlotte N. C.	Unity (Rowan Co.) P.					91											
Jethro Rumple P.	Salisbury N. C.	Salisbury P.	2		3	8	110		1	100	134	108	55	56		38	2867	200
Le. Le. Stewart W. C.	Asheville N. C.	Davidsons River P.					42											
D. A. Penick Jun. S.	Concord N. C.	Poplar Tent P.	6		6	107	243		7					30		20	800	265
Wm. W. Phair P.	Cedar Creek N. C.	Bethpage P.	8		2	45	155	1	9	60	17	12	4	5		8	267	32
		Centre P.	9			39	157		10	27	45	11	17	18		14	350	20
J. S. Barr S. S.	Fancy Hill N. C.	Concord S. S.	8		1	33	229	1	10	75	15	20	3			43	320	10
		Shiloh S. S.	4				34			40	10					3	96	
		Salem S. S.	1				30			15	2					1	95	
		Duncans Creek P.					32											
John C. Stewart W. C.	Asheville N. C.	Taylorsville P.				1	63		5	40		20		11		5	312	7
John D. Wilson P.	Wilkesboro, N. C.	Wilkesboro S. S.			2		17									3	150	12
		Newton S. S.					16											
W. B. Watts P.	Miranda N. C.	Prospect P.	23		3	69	330	6	27	60	98					15	400	71
		Back Creek P.	11		4	84	184	4	11	45	45		28			12	400	73
R. G. Johnston P.	Pineville N. C.	Providence P.	13		1	54	165	4	18	35	49	22	9	26		12	535	40
19		Sharon P.	9		1	46	205		11	70	52	27	27	25		12	435	50
			30	149	34	787	8545	44	203	628	830	463	204	258	21	220	10625	1423

Ministers	Post Office	Churches	Rec. on Ex.
Sam'l Carruthers Alexander P.	White Hall N.C.	Steele Creek P.	12
	Pleasant Hill P.	Pleasant Hill P.	
Thm. M. Kilpatrick P.	Concord N.C.	Concord Town P.	1
Robert B. Anderson P.	Cottage Home N.C.	Bethel P.	
42		Dallas S.S.	2
Licentiates-2-		Ramah S.S.	13
J. C. Kennedy	Statesville N.C.	Beulah "	
R. H. Caldwell,	Lowrys Turn Out N.C.	Hiwassee "	
Candidates. 2.		Bethesda "	
		Philadelphia S.S.	7
		Bethlehem S.S.	
		Charlotte S.S.	
19		12	35
3		28	179
19		30	74
Total 41		70	271

The number of Ordinations is two; Installations four.

Rec. on Ex.	Col. Con.	Tot. Con.	Col. Sp.	Tot. Sp.	Col. Sch.	Tot. Sch.	Col. Ed.	Tot. Ed.	Educ.	Publ.	Ch. Ed.	Res.	Cong.	Educ.
2	133	480	3	36	175	96	47	96	48				550	
	36	116		1			17	14					200	13
4	14	154		13	52	113	50					20	681	112
4	14	69		5	55	16	15					6	300	36
		15			30	15	10							
3	23	152	1	21		42		4				16	185	12
		8												
		30												
		87												
	56	250	2	24		38						12	100	33
		150												
5	12	221		6	7	505	178	200	215			40	1400	715
18	288	1732	6	106	387	825	317	314	263			84	3419	921
34	177	3575	14	203	628	830	463	204	258	21	220	1065		1423
36	597	2422	15	122	446	753	513	256	140	16	158	8002		1187
89	1485	7707	35	441	1581	2435	1313	777	661	37	530	29511		3551

Pastoral Relations dissolved Two.

By order of Presbytery

Charlotte N.C. R. H. Loughery, Stated Clk.

April 14th 1863.

Little Britain Church,
Rutherford County, N.C.
Thursday, Aug. 20th 1863, 11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon by the Moderator, The Rev. D. A. Penick, jun. from Eph. VI: 14. Stand therefore having your loins girt about with truth. Constituted with prayer

Present: Ministers

Rev. Messrs. J. D. Hall,
Wm. S. Morrison,
W. Shotwell,
E. W. Paxton,
R. N. Davis,
R. H. Lafferty,
W. S. Moore,
L. L. Stewart,
D. A. Penick, Jr.
Wm. W. Pharr,
John C. Stewart,
R. Z. Johnston,
Sam'l C. Alexander.

Ruling Elders

Messrs. Sandy McKinley,
J. W. Reid,
James McNair,
J. B. Miller,
John G. Cheny,
S. W. Morrison,
J. J. Price,
A. Fuller,
M. D. Johnston,
John A. McFarland.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the choice of Rev. Wm. W. Pharr for Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. R. Z. Johnston and S. C. Alexander for Temporary Clerks.

It was made the order of the day for this afternoon at 4 o'clock, or as soon thereafter as possible, to hand in the reports on the State of Religion in the Churches.

The Stated Clerk proceeded with the reading of the Minutes of the last Semi-Annual meeting of Presbytery.

The reading of the minutes was arrested, and Presbytery took a recess of forty five minutes.

After Recess.

Presbytery met and the Stated Clerk proceeded with the reading of the minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the "Pro re nata" meetings. The Standing Rules were read.

Those appointed to perform Missionary labor and supply vacant churches were called on to answer as to the fulfillment of the duty appointed, when it appeared that their appointments had been but partially obeyed.

Revs. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. W. C. Sheetz, S. L. Beall J. Rumple, E. T. Lockwell, J. D. Wilson Jesse Rankin, and Walter W. Pharr appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

Mr. J. H. Bell, Ruling Elder from the Church of South Creek Mr. J. F. Harry, Ruling Elder from the Church of Hopewell, and Mr. J. W. Sparrow Ruling Elder from the College Church, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats as members.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator,

On Devotional Exercises. Rev. N. Shotwell, Rev. R. H. Davis and Mr. J. B. Miller.

On Supplies.—Rev. J. A. Burton, Rev. W. C. Alexander, and Mr. Sandy. McKinly.

Judicial Committee. Rev. J. D. Hall, Rev. E. T. Lockwell and Mr. M. D. Johnston.

Committee to prepare a Narrative for Synod.—Rev. Walter W. Pharr Rev. John C. Stewart, and Mr. A. Fuller.

To examine Minutes of the last General Assembly. Rev. Wm. C. Sheetz, Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun, and Mr. J. W. Sparrow.

On Minutes of Synod. Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. J. D. Wilson, and Mr. J. H. Bell.

Letters were received and read from Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, Sen. R. H. Morrison D. D. and J. C. Pharr, D. D. assigning reasons for their absence from the present Sessions of Presbytery.

A letter was received and read from the Session of Mallard Creek Church, assigning reasons for not appointing a delegate to attend the present meeting of Presbytery, and also, at his request, assigning reasons for the absence of their Pastor, the Rev. Walter W. Pharr.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun. and Mr. J. B. Miller were appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Presbytery's Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

The Report of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions was placed in the hands of the Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun. for the purpose of securing persons to deliver appropriate addresses in reference to the cause of Foreign Missions.

In view of the fact that to-morrow has been recommended by the President of these Confederate States to be observed as a day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer, it was—

Resolved That when Presbytery adjourns this evening it will adjourn to meet on Saturday morning at eight o'clock in order that the Presbytery may unite with this congregation in Devotional Exercises in accordance with the recommendation of the President.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, viz.—the handing in of reports on the State of religion in the Churches, this business was attended to.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. and Rev. Jesse Rankin reported that they had attended as Commissioners of this Presbytery at the Meetings of the last General Assembly as directed.

It was Resolved,—That Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the Church of Poplar Tent, Cabarrus Co. N. C. on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in April 1864, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made their report which was adopted and is as follows, viz.—

The Committee on Devotional Exercises recommend that

we spend the first hour to morrow from 9½ o'clock A.M. to 10½ o'clock in prayer singing and reading the Scriptures. Sermon by Rev. E. A. Rockwell at 10½ o'clock. Meeting for prayer and exhortation in the afternoon from 2 till 4 o'clock. The Moderator to preside. The meeting to be opened with prayer and singing. Exhortations by Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty J. Rankin and A. L. Moore, interspersed by prayer and praise.

Mr. J. B. Miller obtained leave of absence until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

It being brought to the notice of Presbytery that the Church of Monroe has become extinct, the name of this Church was struck from the roll. Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Messrs. W. H. Stitt and Dr. E. Alex Hutchison, were appointed a Committee to visit Monroe; to examine into the expediency of reorganizing a church there, and of purchasing a house of worship.

The following report in reference to Davidson College was presented and read, viz.—

The Committee appointed by the Trustees of Davidson College to report to General Presbytery, respecting the condition of that Institution would present the following:

During the last year there were connected with the Institution about 80 while of which however more than one third were members of the Preparatory Department, which the Faculty deemed by authority granted by the Board of Trustees. The exercises of the Institution were continued regularly through the year—the President and four of the Professors being in their places, and constantly engaged in the duties of their office.

The usual religious services were held throughout the year. Prof. Rockwell officiating regularly on the Sabbath

the President being employed in supplying the pulpit of the Charlotte Church. We have nothing to report with reference to the state of religious interest among the students.

All the expenses of the College have been paid out of its ordinary income, and an addition of some thousands of dollars has been made to its investing funds.

Very Respectfully.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick. Chairman.

Presbytery adjourned to meet on next Saturday, at 8 o'clock A. M. Closed with prayer.

Little Brittain Church.

Saturday Morning, Aug. 22nd, 1863

8 O'clock.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of Thursday were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that said Minutes had not come into their hands. This report was received and the Committee discharged.

Presbytery's Evangelist, Rev. Jesse Rankin made a verbal report of his labors, and requested Presbytery not to appoint to this work. He also reported that on the ninth day of August 1863 the organization of a church [was accomplished] at Jefferson the county village of Ashe County, consisting of five members two males and three females. One of the male members, Mr. Benjamin H. Neal, was elected and ordained a Ruling Elder. This report was accepted as satisfactory, and the Church of Jefferson was taken under our care, and its name inscribed among our churches, and it was assessed $2.00 for Commissioners' fund

The following resolution was presented and adopted, viz.-
Resolved- That we do as a Presbytery express our cordial approval of the efficiency of our Evangelists during the period of his Commission and reluctantly acquiesce in his request to be released from a renewal of his Commission on the grounds of impaired health

The committee appointed to prepare a Narrative on the State of religion for Synod made their report, which was adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of religion in our bounds, would report that they have examined the statements placed in their hands from the different Churches. They find that the attendance upon the means of grace is generally good. In some of the Churches increasing additions have been made. We are gratified to find that the religious instruction of the young and rising generation is receiving in many of the churches a commendable degree of attention. In some of our Churches they are gathered into Sabbath Schools and Bible classes where they have an opportunity of receiving that instruction which with the divine blessing, is able to make them wise unto Salvation. The committee are pleased to find that the religious instruction of the Colored people is receiving a large share of attention on the part of our ministers and elders. This opens a wide and interesting field of usefulness to all who have the Spirit of Christ who when on earth, preached the Gospel to the poor. We have encouraging statements as to the increased liberality among our people. These are the favorable features gathered from the reports handed to the Committee.

But on the other hand, some of the reports are like the roll which the Prophet Ezekiel saw- filled with lamentation, and mourning, and woe.

The spirit of worldliness appears in some places, to be choking out the good seed of the word. The consequence is, that the means of grace languish, because few come to the solemn feasts, & many of the precious youth of our country, the future hope of the Church, many who were members of our Congregations. Some of them members and officers of our Churches have fallen in the service of their country. In view of the whole matter, we would express our feelings in the language of the inspired word- "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed William M. O'Hara
J. Curtis Stewart } Com.

The Committee, to whom was referred at the last meeting of Presbytery a paper proposing a Systematic plan for presenting Statistical reports, &c. report back the paper for the adoption of Presbytery. It was taken up, article by article, amended and adopted, and is as follows, viz.-

To promote the great object of the annual reports of the Churches, namely- the general diffusion of intelligence concerning the state of religion in all our Churches- Presbytery will require the following order in sessions reports.

Order 1st.- The Statistical reports shall be placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk at an early stage of the Sessions, to be combined by him, and prepared for transmission to the General Assembly.

Order 2nd. The Stated Clerk shall read in open Presbytery, before

its final adjournment, the entire combined Statistical report of the Presbytery for approval before it is sent to the General Assembly.

Order 3rd. The reports on the State of religion in the different Churches shall be read before the Presbytery by the Pastors and Stated Supplies or other representatives of the Church, and then placed in the hands of the Committee on the Narrative. Each minister shall follow the reading of his report by a verbal statement of the fidelity with which he has discharged his ministerial duties.

Order 4th. Each of these ministerial reports, shall be followed by a short written report from the Session of the Church or churches served by the respective minister, setting forth the manner in which they have discharged their duties to their Pastor or Stated Supply particularly the amount of Salary promised, and the amount paid, and the encouragement given to him in his arduous labors and whatever else in the Congregation may be deemed worthy of the attention of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to visit the old Rheims Creek Church, at the last meeting of Presbytery, presented their report, which was accepted, and Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. J. D. Hall, and Mr. M. D. Johnston were appointed a committee to prepare a paper in reference to the facts brought to notice in this report.

Mr. Ezekiel Wilson, Ruling Elder from the church of Newton, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

The Committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz. —

Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Foreign Missions, report that they have examined the accounts and find that he has re-

ceived to April 30th 1865 — — — — — — $1,898.72

While we find vouchers in his hands accounting for $1891.70

Leaving a balance of — — — — — — — $7.02

(Signed) D. A. Penick Jun
J. D. Wilson } Com.
J. H. Bell

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz. — hearing the report of the Treasurer on Foreign Missions. The Treasurer being absent, and having forwarded his report, it was read and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and is as follows, viz. —

Dear Brethren; As circumstances prevent me from attending your meeting, I have felt it to be my duty to state the facts in reference to the cause which I represent.

1st — Nothing of additional interest or importance has been received from the Executive Committee, or from the early fathers with respect to the destination or manner in which they have been or are to be supplied.

Several teachers have been sent to our Western Indians, and their prospects were encouraging at the last intelligence conveyed from that quarter. Schools have been maintained and also the Gospel preached amongst them, as well as many families of soldiers relieved from suffering.

2nd. The contributing churches are named in the account together with the amounts, and while some of them have been more liberal than ever before, others have not given according to their means and prosperity. The following churches have not contributed at all to this object during the year, viz. — Monroe, Dallas

Paw Creek, Lebanon, Wadesboro, Goshen, New Hope, Piney, Shelby, Back Creek, Sandy Plains, Beulah Pilcam, Ebenezer, Pineapsel, Prospect, Hendersonville, Davidson's River, Mills River, Unity, (Rowan Co.) Concord Town Concord, Shiloh and Bethlehem.

Some of these churches may have contributed, but their contributions, have come into my hands, and I hope that some interest may be infused into these churches respecting this Subject.

Very Respectfully,

(Yours &c)

(Signed) J. A. Chambers.

The Committee to examine the minutes of Synod, presented their report, which was adopted and is as follows, Viz.-

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of the 49th Sessions of the Synod of North Carolina have carefully read the published minutes, and beg leave to report the following as worthy of the attention of Presbytery-

On page 22nd. the Synod urges the Presbyteries to use all diligence in supplying the waste places in their bounds with the stated means of grace, and upon the churches greater liberality, and especially to contribute to the general object of Domestic Missions in the Confederacy. In view of this-

Resolved - 1st. That Presbytery enjoin upon the churches to contribute more liberally to the cause of Domestic Missions.

Resolved 2nd. That the Treasurer of Domestic Missions, after reserving a sufficient amount to support our Domestic Missionaries be directed to pay the remainder of the funds on hand into

the Treasury of the General Assembly's Committee of Domestic Missions.

There are several other matters of interest in the minutes but they are already involved in the various schemes of the Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) J. Rumple }
J. D. Wilson } Com.
J. H. Bell }

The Stated Clerk read the report of Presbytery on Systematic Benevolence, which was approved, and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, and is as follows, viz

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina on the subject of Systematic Benevolence, that from the facts laid before us we are encouraged to believe that our churches are increasing in the grace of giving; but it is too apparent that this increase is very slow.

Giving by system is gradually securing favor among our Churches and people.

From the Statistical reports of the Churches it appears that of our 73 Churches only 41 contributed during the past year to the cause of Domestic Missions; 36 Churches contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions; 23 Churches contributed to the cause of Education, 20 Churches contributed to the cause of Publication, and two Churches contributed to the Cause of Church Extension.

The aggregate of sums collected is as follows, viz.- For Domestic Missions $ 235; for Foreign Missions $ 1313; - for Education $ 777; for Publication $ 661;

for Church Erection $37. Presbyterial $52.; Congregational $225.17. Miscellaneous $8.51.

Respectfully submitted.

Charlotte N. C. } (Signed) R. H. Chapman, Statistical
Aug. 22nd 1863 }

The Committee on Supplies presented their report, which was amended and adopted and is as follows,

The Committee on Supplies make the following Report.

Rev. S. Frontis, [French] one Sabbath at Bethpha Church.
Rev. J. C. Morrison one Sabbath at Statesboro.
Rev. W. C. Morrison two Sabbaths at Swannanoa.
Rev. J. Shotwell one Sabbath at Sandy Plains.
Rev. John C. Carson one Sabbath at Beaver Plains, and one Sabbath at Swannanoa.
Rev. [Messrs] Carter H. Chas. J. S. Wilson and D. L. C. Bizzell one Sabbath each at Fayetteville.
Rev. Jesse Rankin one Sabbath at Newton and others, if convenient.
Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. and Rev. E. F. Rockwell, one Sabbath each at Newton.
Rev. E. P. Paxton two Sabbaths at Prosperity.
Rev. Messrs R. H. Caldwell, R. Z. Johnston, S. C. Alexander, and J. A. Quick, Jun, one Sabbath each at Monroe.
Rev. J. C. Chase D. D. one Sabbath at Shelby.
Rev. R. H. Caldwell three Sabbaths in Anson County.
All ministers not named one Sabbath each at discretion
In all cases where it is desired and expedient the Sunday Sabbath [to] be administered.

(Signed) E. P. Paxton }
J. C. Alexander } Com.
Sandy Plains }

Leave of absence was granted to Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Mr. T. W. Sparrow, and Mr. J. A. McFarland, after the Sessions of this morning.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After Recess,

Presbytery met. Mr. Ezekiel Wilson of absence after the remaining Sessions of Presbytery.

The Committee appointed to prepare a paper in reference to the facts brought to notice in the report of the Committee to visit the old Rheims Creek Church, presented their report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows, viz.—

The Committee to prepare a paper expressing the views of this Presbytery touching the matter relating to the Rheims Creek Church submit the following:

Whereas it appears that the action of this Presbytery dissolving that Church was founded on some misapprehension of the facts in the case, and whereas certain changes have taken place in the condition of things in the community around that Church which render it advisable to revise said action it is therefore—

Resolved. 1st. That in dissolving the Church of Rheims Creek, the Presbytery had no intention of doing, and no suspicion that it was doing anything that could be construed as an act of injustice or unkindness to the Church or any member of it, but proposed only that which it was supposed would be for the spiritual welfare of all concerned.

2nd. That the action dissolving the Rheims Creek Church be, and hereby is rescinded, and that the name of that Church be now entered upon our roll as if it had never been erased.

3rd. That the Rev. Ed. Stewart is hereby instructed to visit the said Church at as early a day as may be practicable, make known to them the present action of Presbytery respecting them, and counsel and aid

them in perfecting their organization, if any thing should be found necessary to render it complete.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick, J. D. Hall, H. D. Johnston } Com.

The following Resolution was presented and adopted;

Resolved, That in the judgment of the Presbytery, the Records of Rheims Creek Church in former years are the property justly of the body known henceforth on our Roll by that name, and that if the Flat Creek Church shall have entered any of their minutes upon the book containing any of the Records of the Rheims Creek Church, the Flat Creek Church should be permitted to transcribe the said minutes into another book.

Mr. J. N. Long was appointed Temporary Treasurer to receive funds for Foreign Missions.

Application was made for an appropriation by Presbytery of $300.00 to assist the Church of Rheims Creek in building a house of worship; whereupon this matter was referred to the Committee on Church Extension.

The Committee of Domestic Missions presented the following Report in reference to supplying our army with Chaplains, permanent and temporary, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz:— To Concord Presbytery;

Your Committee of Domestic Missions beg leave respectfully to report, that they have considered the subject of supplying the army with Chaplains, permanent and temporary; that Brother Sherman has accepted a post Chaplaincy, and Brother Anderson is desirous of becoming a regular Chaplain, if he has not already done so, while one or two other brethren have considered the subject

Your Committee, under your order have designated the following brethren to occupy the specified times in Missionary la-

mainly in the bounds of Gen Lee, viz:—

In June— Revs. E. P. Scott Chreitzberg, W. B. Watts, Wm. M. Donald, D. A. Penick, Sen. W. A. Wood and A. Sinclair.

In July— Revs. J. C. Shaw D.D. W. M. Kilpatrick, M. C. Shultz, D. N. Paxton, L. L. Stewart and R. Z. Johnston.

In August— Revs. J. D. Wilson, C. L. Beall, R. B. Anderson, N. Shotwell, R. Burwell, and J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D.

In September —— Revs. W. S. Morrison, R. H. Caldwell, S. C. Alexander, J. D. Hall, R. H. Chapman D.D. and J. C. Stewart.

In October, Revs. Walter W. Shaw, R. H. Lafferty, S. Sillman and G. D. Parks, Wm. W. Shaw and J. Rumple.

That Rev. J. S. Morrison spend a month in the army near Wilmington, N. C. and Revs. W. L. Moore, W. Graves and J. C. Carson each a month among N. C. troops most accessible to them; and that Rev. Jesse Rankin spend three months as Evangelist in the army and hospitals at discretion.

Several of the brethren designated have fulfilled their appointments and in some instances with highly encouraging results. But as a full report of their labors has not been made to the Committee, as was desired of such, your Committee respectfully suggest that Presbytery set a part a time to hear personally from these brethren concerning their labors in the army. Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Walter W. Shaw, Chairman
J. Rumple, Secy.

In accordance with the above suggestion of the Committee the members present were called upon to report respecting their labors in the army, when it appeared that very few had visited the army.

The following resolutions in regard to the action of the General Assembly on Committee on the Union with the United

Synod of the South were read and adopted, viz.—

Resolved—That we as a Presbytery have read with great pleasure and gratification in our public journals the report of the Committee which was appointed by the Assembly which met in Columbia, to confer with a corresponding Committee of the United Synod of the South with reference to the union of these two branches of the Presbyterian Church.

Resolved—That we cordially approve the basis of union as agreed upon and suggested by these Committees and earnestly hope that the contemplated union may be consummated.

The Judicial Committee reported that no business had come into their hands. This report was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

Permission was asked and granted for Mr. Geo. J. Porter—a Licentiate under the care of Bethel Presbytery to labor within our bounds in Henderson County.

Rev. J. C. Stewart made statements and read a number of letters, from which it appeared that was grieved at some actions of Presbytery, and one of the members of Presbytery, viz— Rev. T. K. Paxton). At the close of his remarks, he presented and read a preamble and resolutions, for the adoption of Presbytery, which were seconded.

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were offered as a substitute and adopted, viz— ✓

Whereas the conduct of the Rev. T. K. Paxton as chairman of the Committee appointed to visit the congregation of Swannanoa has been represented before this Presbytery as in violation of the instructions of Presbytery, and as unkind toward certain parties,

Resolved—That the Presbytery having before them the allegations and all the facts adduced in support of said allegations, declare that they see nothing in the course of Mr. Paxton in his visit to the congregation or since, but what has been in strict accordance with his instructions from the Presbytery, and with kind and christian feelings toward all concerned.

The Moderator called for the report of the Treasurer of Publication, but as the Treasurer was absent, no report was made.

A Resolution recommending the establishment and sustaining of Sabbath Schools in our churches for the benefit of the youth, and also for the colored people, was presented and read and laid on the table until the next meeting of Presbytery.

The following resolution was read and adopted, viz—

Resolved—That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the good people of this congregation for their kindness and hospitality to the members during the present session, and that this resolution be read from the pulpit by the Pastor at his own discretion.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have an abstract of the minutes of this meeting published as soon as practicable in the North Carolina Presbyterian.

The minutes of today were read and corrected and approved.

After singing and prayer, the Presbytery adjourned to meet in Salisbury during the meeting of Synod at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

Wm. W. Pharr, Moderator
J. C. Alexander } Temporary
R. K. Lafferty, Stated Clerk } R. Z. Johnston } Clerks.
P. P. T.

The following members of Presbytery were absent throughout the meeting without forwarding any reasons

on their absence, viz- Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, Daniel Lindley, Robert Burwell, James E. Morrison, A. M. Chapman D. D. John C. Carson, William Graves, G. D. Parks, S. C. Millen, D. J. Rhinehart, Alexander Sinclair, A. D. Barr, H. C. Walls, D. D. Strickland, Wm. H. Kilpatrick, A. W. Anderson, and J. F. W. Freeman.

The following Church Sessions failed to be represented in Presbytery during its present Session, viz. Unity, Lincoln, Hackbelah, Castanea Grove, Lewis, Dallas, Fair Creek, Lebanon, Madeston, Shelby, Goshen, Third Creek, Rock Creek and Project, Asheville, Sandy Plains, Shiloh, Siloam, Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill, Lincolnton, Sugar Creek, Morganton, Ebenezer and Franklin (Macon Co.) Salisbury, Bethel, Davidson's River, Mills River, Unity (Rowan Co.) Thyatira, Providence and Sharon, Swannanoa, Flat Creek, Poplar Tent, Bethpage and Centre, Drusilla, Bethany, Salem, Fifth Creek, Zoar, Fayetteville, Hillsboro, Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Franklin (Rowan Co.) Ramah, Bethesda, Concord Town, Concord, Shiloh, Salem.

"Pro re nata meeting."

Philadelphia Church,
Thursday, Oct. 15th 1863
11 o'clock. A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to the call by Circular letter of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer. Present, Rev. Messrs. D. A. Buick, Sen. J. D. Hall, R. H. Lafferty, Wm. W. Phar, and C. Z. Johnston; Ruling Elders- Messrs. E. E. Wallis, from the Church of Sugar Creek, and William Beaver, from the Church of Philadelphia

The circular of the Moderator was read, stating the business, viz.- to receive Mr. Wm. McDonald, Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, to place in his hands calls from the Churches of Philadelphia and Bethlehem, and ordain and install him if the way be clear.

Mr. McDonald, having forgotten to bring with him from his lodging his certificate of dismission, Presbytery adjourned to meet at the House of Mrs. Amanda Phar at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer.

House of Mrs. Amanda Phar
2½ o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator and was opened with prayer. Present- As in the morning.

Mr. William McDonald presented a letter of dismission as a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Fayetteville; whereupon he was received under the care of this Presbytery.

Calls from the congregations of Philadelphia and Bethlehem for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm. McDonald

were presented and read, the first promising a Salary of Five hundred and fifty dollars for two thirds of his time, and the latter promising one hundred and fifty dollars for one third of his time, which being found in due form were placed in his hands for consideration. Whereupon he signified his willingness to accept these calls.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. McDonald on experimental religion, and his motives in seeking the ministry. His examination was sustained as satisfactory.

Presbytery proceeded to examine him on Philosophy pending which, Mr. E. C. Wallis obtained leave of absence until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After recess.

Presbytery met, and proceeded with the examination of Mr. McDonald on Philosophy. He was examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Greek and Hebrew Languages, the Constitution, Government, and Discipline of the Church.

Heb. XI. 6. was assigned the candidate for the subject of his trial Sermon, to be delivered in the Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. J. D. Hall was appointed to preach the Ordination Sermon; Rev. R. H. Lafferty was appointed to preside, propose the constitutional questions and offer the ordaining prayer; Rev. R. F. Johnston to deliver the charge to the Pastor, and Rev. D. A. Penick to deliver the charge to the people.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, at the Church. Closed with prayer.

Friday, Oct. 16th 1863
10 o'clock. A.M.

Presbytery met, according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read.

Presbytery proceeded with the order of the day, viz. hearing the trial sermon of Wm. McDonald, which he preached from the subject assigned.

Whereupon it was resolved— That the trial Sermon of Wm. McDonald, together with all his parts of trial be, and they are hereby sustained, and that Presbytery will proceed this afternoon with the Ordination Services.

Presbytery took a recess of 45 minutes.

After recess.

Presbytery met and proceeded with the ordination Services. The Sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Hall, after which the Constitutional questions were proposed by Rev. R. H. Lafferty to the Candidate and to the Congregation, which being answered in the affirmative, William McDonald was by prayer, and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed Pastor of Philadelphia. Rev. R. F. Johnston delivered a charge to the newly ordained Pastor, and Rev. D. A. Penick, Jr. delivered a charge to the people.

Presbytery ordered that the name of William McDonald be entered upon our roll of Members, and he was invited to take his seat as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery postponed the making of arrangements for the installation of Rev. Wm. McDonald over the Church of Bethlehem, until the adjourned meeting

Presbytery in Salisbury at Synod.
Presbytery adjourned sine die. Closed with prayer.
Wm. H. Sharp, Modr.
R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of Forty three Ministers and have under their care Seventy one churches, two Licentiates and three Candidates: That on the 11th day of April 1863 they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. D. A. Penick and the Church of Unity (Rowan) and declared said Church vacant; that on the 13th day of April 1863 they removed from Rev. J. D. W. Freeman the sentence of deposition and restored him to the office of the Gospel Ministry; that on the 15th day of June 1863 they dissolved the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. J. D. Wilson and the Church of Fayetteville, and declared said Church vacant, that on the 20th day of August 1863 they struck from the roll of Churches the name of Monroe Church, this Church having become extinct; that on the 9th day of August 1863 they organized the Church of Jefferson, in Ashe County; that on the 22nd day of August 1863 they rescinded their former act in dissolving the Church of Thyatira, and enrolled the name of said Church; that on the 15th day of October 1863 they received

Mr. Wm. McDonald as a Licentiate by certificate from the Presbytery of Fayetteville, and that on the 16th day of October 1863 they ordained Mr. Wm. McDonald to the full work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Church of Philadelphia.

By Order of Presbytery
R. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk.
Charlotte N.C.
October 26th 1863

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Records of Concord Presbytery recommend that they be approved.

(Signed) R. N. Davis, Modr.
Salisbury
Oct. 29th 1863.

Salisbury Church, Thursday Oct. 29th 1863
10 o'clock A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, at the call of the Moderator and was constituted with prayer.

Present- Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, D. A. Penick Sen. J. E. Morrison, Walter W. Pharr, Thomas A. Paxton, R. N. Davis, A. H. Lafferty, W. C. Shultz, G. D. Parks, B. L. Trivier, J. Rumple, Wm. M. Pharr, J. C. Stewart, J. D. Wilson, J. S. Sam, W. C. Watts, B. L. Beall, Wm. M. Kilpatrick, S. C. Alexander, S. C. Pharr, D. D. J. D. Hall, J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. A. Sinclair, R. J. Johnston and Wm. M. McDonald- Ministers.

Ruling Elders, Messrs. David White, J. J. Purcell, J. M. Goodman, S. R. Bell, J. W. Rankin, S. W. Morrison, W. H. Michal, J. J. Reid, J. J. Brunner, M. D. J. Anston, Joseph Rumple, Thomas Brown J. A. Witherspoon, R. W. Allison, J. H. Brown, Samuel Craig, J. M. Hutchison, J. R. Davidson, C. R. Harris C. J. Alexander, J. W. Todd, J. C. Hoard, J. W. Thomason.

Rev. Thomas E. Davis presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of South Carolina to connect himself with this Presbytery; whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and this examination being sustained he was received as a member of this Presbytery and his name entered upon the roll of members.

A call from the Church of Charlotte for the pastoral services of the Rev. A. Sinclair promising a Salary of $2500.00 was presented and read before Presbytery. Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Salisbury Church, Thursday Oct. 29th 1863

After recess.
5 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. It was moved and seconded to put the call from the Church of Charlotte into the hands of Rev. A. Sinclair. Pending the discussion of this motion, Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Friday, Oct. 30th 1863
5 o'clock P. M.

After recess, Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and took a recess to meet to-night at the call of the Moderator.

After recess 8 o'clock P. M.

Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator. The motion to put the call from the Church of Charlotte was taken up and discussed, at length and passed, and the call was placed in his hands for consideration; whereupon he signified his willingness to accept the call.

A committee was appointed to install Rev. A. Sinclair over the Church of Charlotte on the 4th Saturday of Nov. (the 28th) at 11 o'clock A. M. consisting of the following members, viz.- Rev. Walter W. Pharr preach the Sermon, with Rev. B. L. Trivier his alternate. Rev. A. H. Lafferty preside and deliver the charge to the Congregation; Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. his alternate, and Rev. J. D. Hall deliver the charge to the Pastor, Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. his alternate.

The following resolution was read and adopted, viz.

Resolved. That the Committee of Domestic Mission be instructed to co-operate with the Executive Committee of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly, in the scheme for supplying the Army with Chaplains, in accordance with the recommendation of Synod.

Salisbury Church October 30th 1863

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the church of Poplar Tent Cabarrus County, on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in April 1864, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Signed) Jno. H. Thorn. Mod.
R. Z. Johnston, Temporary Clk.

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk

Poplar Tent Church Cabarrus Co. N.C.

Thursday April 14th 1864.
11 o'clock A.M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator the Rev. William H. Thorn, from Isa. XLIII:2. "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

Constituted with prayer.

Present. Ruling Elders

Ministers

Rev. Messrs. W. S. Thorn,
J. Fronties,
D. A. Penick Sen.
Jas D. Hall,
Walter W. Thorn,
Thos. N. Preston,
R. A. Davis,
R. H. Lafferty,
G. D. Parks,
B. Scott Rridenbaugh,
J. Rumple,
D. A. Penick Jun.
Wm. W. Thorn,
H. B. Balls,
R. Z. Johnston,
Saml. C. Alexander,
Wm. M. Kilpatrick,
Wm. McDonald,
Thos. E. Davis.

Messrs. Andrew Hunter,
John M. Query,
W. R. Holland,
J. M. Spratt,
J. S. Beatty,
Thos A. Allison,
Elam Robison,
John R. Davidson,
D. A. Davis,
J. K. Graham,
C. Nye Hutchison M.D.
J. H. Ross M.D.
Robt S. Young
J. S. J. Houston M.D.
R. W. Gibson,
John D. Richard,
Jos. Smith,
Ebenezer McNeely,
R. W. Allison,
J. M. Alexander,

Poplar Tent Church, Thursday April 14. 1864

Elders, Present Messrs. E. McLelland, Wm. Beaver.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. B. J. Johnston for Moderator, and Rev. S. C. Pharander, and E. Nye Hutchison M.D. for temporary Clerks.

Rev. J. D. Craig of Bethel Presbytery, and Rev. B. S. McMillister of the Red River Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Presbytery took a recess of 10 minutes.

After recess,

Presbytery met. The minutes of the last semi-annual meeting, and of the 'Pro re nata' and adjourned meetings were read. Those appointed to supply vacant churches, and perform missionary labor were called on, when it appeared that these appointments had been but partially fulfilled.

Absentees from the last meeting were called on for their reasons for absence, and Church sessions not represented in last meeting of Presbytery were called on for their excuses. The reason which the Session of Philadelphia rendered for not appointing a delegate to Presbytery was not sustained.

Mr. Culbertson, Ruling Elder from the Church of Unity (Rowan Co.) appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

It was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning to hand in reports on the State of religion, and to hand in the Sessional records.

The Standing Rules of Presbytery were read.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz:-

Poplar Tent Church, Thursday, April 14th 1864

Committee on Devotional Exercises, Rev. Messrs. D. A. Buick, Jun. Thos. E. Davis, and R. S. Young

On Supplies, Rev. Messrs. R. L. Davis, Thos. N. Easton and J. H. Wills.

Narrative on State of Religion, Rev. Messrs. J. Rumple, W. B. Watts, and Mr. J. M. Spratt.

Judicial Committee, Rev. Messrs S. Morris. B. S. Krider, and Mr. D. F. Davis

On Minutes of General Assembly, Rev. Messrs D. A. Buick, Sen. J. D. Parks, and Mr. J. K. Graham.

On Treasurer of Education and Church Extension, Rev. J. Rumple, and Mr. D. F. Davis

On Accounts of Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Rev. Wm. W. Pharr and Mr. J. A. Davidson.

On Accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery, Messrs. D. F. Davis, and E. Nye Hutchison.

Letters assigning sufficient reasons for absence from the present meeting of the Presbytery were received and read from the Rev. Messrs. S. C. Pharr D.D. J. S. Barr, R. H. Chapman D.D. and J. H. Freeman.

Mr. Gilbert N. Brackett, a Licentiate, under the care of the Bethel Presbytery, presented a letter of dismission from said Presbytery to place himself under the care of this Presbytery. He was accordingly received under our care as a Licentiate. Calls were received and read from the Churches of Third Creek and Unity (Rowan Co) for the pastoral services of Mr. Gilbert N. Brackett, the first promising him $400.00 to be paid in provisions, at old prices, for two thirds of his time and the latter promising him $200.00 for one third of his time.

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The calls being found in order were placed in Mr. Brackett's hands for consideration.

The Committee appointed to visit the Monroe people presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.— ✓

The Committee appointed to visit Monroe and examine into the expediency of reorganizing a church there, and of purchasing a house of worship report that they visited Monroe, and found some Presbyterianism there but it is rather in a torpid condition. There are eleven members of the Presbyterian Church living there, whose names are on the rolls of the following churches, viz- Charlotte 1. Providence 3. Poplar Tent 1, Six Mile Creek 1 Steele Creek 1 Philadelphia 1 Bethlehem 2. Rocky River 1. There are twenty children belonging to these persons. There are five persons there who formerly belonged to this church, but have joined the Methodist Episcopal church from force of circumstances. There are several members of the Associate Reformed Church who wish to co-operate with the Presbyterians. We believe the two chief causes for the bad success of our organization there before, was the inefficiency of the Elders and the neglect of Presbytery to supply them with more preaching.

There is a house built for the A. R. Church there which might have been purchased on good terms some time since, but it is doubtful whether it could be obtained now further, it is not a desirable house for several reasons, and the Presbyterians there do not wish to purchase it, but would be willing to help build a new one when the war is over.

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The population of this place is very transient, and therefore we cannot rely upon what members are there now. Considering these and other facts that could be mentioned your Committee are unanimous in the opinion that it would not be expedient to reorganize a church there at present, and recommend the adoption of the following minute—

Resolved- That Presbytery will endeavor to supply Monroe with preaching at least every two months, or oftener if possible.

Respectfully submitted.

Signed) R. Z. Johnston
N. M. Slitt
E. Mye Hutchison } Com.

Rev. T. D. Davis was appointed temporary treasurer of Foreign Missions, in the absence of the Treasurer.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow afternoon, immediately after recess to hear the Popular Sermon of Mr. J. J. Kennedy, one of our candidates for the ministry.

Presbytery proceeded with the examination of Mr. Kennedy on Theology. Having spent some time in this examination, it was for the present suspended.

It was Resolved. That Presbytery will spend a half hour in devotional Exercises at the beginning of each morning Session.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

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8½ o'clock

Presbytery met according to adjournment and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

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The Rev. Messrs. J. E. Morrison, J. C. Stewart, A. Sinclair and J. S. Muckland appeared in Presbytery, and rendered Satisfactory reasons, for tardiness.

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz, reading the narratives on the state of religion in the different churches, and the reports of Ministers and Church Sessions and handing in Sessional Records.

Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. appeared in Presbytery and rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The hour for the standing order of the day having arrived, Presbytery proceeded to this business, viz. ✓ Hearing the Report of the Committee of Domestic Missions. The Report being read was accepted, and after several addresses was adopted, and is as follows, viz.—

Report on Domestic Missions April 14th 1864.

The Committee of Domestic missions beg leave to submit to Presbytery the following Report.

We have had, in the last year, five Evangelist and five Missionaries laboring as follows, viz.—

Rev. Jesse Rankin, Evangelist in Western North Carolina from the 1st of March to the last of December 1863 at a Salary of $800.00

Rev. J. E. Morrison in the Anson Mission from the 1st of January 1863 to 1st of Jan. 1864 at a Salary of $375.00

Rev. W. S. Moore, Macon Mission from Nov. 1st 1863 to Nov. 1st 1864. Salary $375.00

Rev. J. Coutts Stewart, Clay and Cherokee from May 1st 1863 to Dec. 31st 1863 Salary $266.66⅔

Rev. J. D. Wilson, Miller and Clyde from Sept 1863 to May 1st 1864. Salary $358.00.

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Rev. Geo. G. Porter, Hendersonville from May 1st 1863 to Dec. 31st 1863 Salary $200.00.

The aggregate Salary has been $2366.66⅔ of this $800.00 has been paid to Brother Moore and Wilson by the Salisbury Church the remainder $1866.66⅔ is to be met by the general fund. Into this general fund in the hands of our Treasurer, there has been paid the sum of $ 489.75 cts. More is still expected. This is double the usual sum.

These six Missionaries have been laboring faithfully, and according to their reports, with the following results.

Our Evangelist, whose time closed on the 31st of last Dec. reports the reception of twelve members, and the collection of over $300.00 for the cause of Domestic Missions. In his last report he states that he has been laboring as an Evangelist for seven years, preached 1100 times and collected $2000.00 for Domestic Missions, and received between 80 and 90 members in the Church. Thus the blessing of God has rested upon this Scriptural method of prosecuting the Missionary work.

Rev. James E. Morrison reports unremitting labors in Lebanon and Hamestown. The Church of Lebanon has been sorely afflicted by the death of both its Elders, Messrs McGugan and Steen, and three others. One important addition was made to the Church. The Sabbath School still survives. In Hamestown, additions have been made to the church, and about $30.00 raised for the support of the Missionary. A house of worship is much needed here. The Out field is more promising than formerly, and with a

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need, voice of a prosperity crowned soon the rich harvests.

Rev. Wm. Graves, labored four months the last year in Hancock, preaching at four points, 1st Church House near A. Ferrells 2nd, Cross Roads, 3rd Hagues ville, 4th Retreat, to congregations of from 50 persons. Interest was reported but no additions to the Church In view of his age and infirmities Bro. Graves declared himself unable to occupy the field longer and so was released and this interesting field has been vacant for the last 8 months. The will occupy it in the the name of the Master! This region furnishes plenty Sabbath Schools and raised for the last year 110 dollars for the Missionary against 50 dollars the preceding year.

In Hamilton and Ebenezer Churches, Bro. Graves has been laboring under some discouragements. His health has been feeble, and his support inadequate to the wants of a growing family. In Hamilton the congregation was very small, but at Ebenezer a more cheering congregation has been built up and some interest manifested. No additions of members, no baptisms, no Sabbath Schools, and no Bible classes are reported. Petitions for the continuance of the Missionary have been received.

From Bluff and Cherokee, the Rev. J. Curtis Stewart reports active labors in preaching, catechising and visiting from house to house. These labors are received with favor and some prospect for good is seen in that field.

From Rehoboth there seem to be about 35 members at Beulah, Hiwassee and Sunshey. Of the former two have classes in the Shorter and Childs' Catechisms

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are considerable. At Murphy the disturbances have driven off the members and broken up. Missionary labor. The field promises $237.00 for 8 months of last year, most of which has been paid. Application has been made for the Missionary and for aid the present year, and about $200.00 pledged to his support. This decrease in support is to be accounted for by the disturbance in the country, and the exile of some prominent supporters of the Gospel. No admissions to membership, and no baptisms are reported in the Reports.

The Rev. John D. Wilson has been laboring in Wilkes and adjoining Counties since the first of May, very successfully. With the aid of the Evangelist, a flourishing little Church has been organized at Lyndonville having six useful and influential members. Seven additions are reported in Wilkesboro, and in a few years the church has nearly doubled its membership and Eldership. Congregations are enlarging, and a deepening interest in Presbyterianism is reported.

The valuable additions are confidently expected shortly. The Missionary has also been preaching to the Soldiers of Gen. Hoke's Command on Furlough, or Detail, and distributing Tracts and religious papers.

Last Summer the Rev. Geo. F. Porter was commissioned to labor in Hendersonville. In the single report that has come to hand from him, we learn that regular Sabbath services are held, and that a Sabbath School and a prayer meeting are in successful operation. Five members were added to the Church, and four children and one adult baptized. The stipulated

salary has been paid by the Church and much kindness shown to the Missionary. The Commission has now expired, but no petition for its renewal has reached the Committee.

Thus you will perceive that twenty six additions are reported as the result of this years operations. There are perhaps others which are not reported, but your Committee must respond on the Reports alone for information.

In addition to these regular home missions, many of the brethren spent some time laboring in the army, but with what success is unknown since very few ever made any report to the Committee, as desired.

At an adjourned meeting during Synod, the Presbytery directed this Committee to co-operate with the Committee of the General Assembly in securing Chaplains for the Army, or Missionaries for a greater length of time than formerly. The Committee met and re-organized the following brethren as suitable for this work, and urged it upon their prayerful consideration, viz.-

Rev. Messrs. Mathews, Rev. J. H. Lafferty, D. Scott Ryder, J. Rumble, W. L. Beall, (at Hospital) H. B. Watts, D. D. Sneed, Wm. R. Johnston, D. C. Alexander, J. Leighton, Wm. Hall, Wm. M. Donald, R. J. Davis, Thos. C. Davis and Rob't Strickland.

Of these the Rev. Messrs. D. Scott Ryder, W. L. Beall, J. H. Lafferty, and J. Rumble accepted commissions.

Bro. Ryder went out to join Lee's Army in December last but his health failed him, and compelled him to return

home at once.

Bro. Beall is now laboring with much acceptance in the Field Infirmary of the 2nd Corps A. N. V. at Orange C. H.

Bro. Lafferty has spent three months in the 35th Reg. Ramseurs Brigade. This Regiment was stationed on picket duty, but regular services were held with most of this Regiment to attentive and solemn audiences.

The Missionary was received with great kindness by both officers and men. His labors were regarded as most profitable to professing Christians, and in guarding the Children of the Church against the temptations surrounding them in the Camp. Bro. Lafferty has been commissioned for six months and expects to return to his regiment.

The Rev. J. Rumble labored ten weeks in Gen. Scales Brigade, N. C. T. During his stay, an army Church was erected, Bible Classes organized in each regiment, a Soldiers Christian Association formed, 400 New Testaments distributed, together with several thousand pages of Tracts, nine members received into the Presbyterian, and several into other Churches, about 40 professed conversions took place and double that number led to ask, What must we do to be saved. It is due to state that other Missionaries co-operated in this blessed work.

The Rev. Wm. A. Kilpatrick labored one month in Lanes and Kirklands Brigades, but no results are reported as flowing from his diligent labors. He has made no report.

The remainder of the appointees failed to accept appointments either as Chaplains or Missionaries. The result is that we have now two Chaplains, Rev. Anderson Lin the 4th N. C.] and Brother Freeman, in Jackson's Corps

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tal, Richmond, Va. and two Missionaries, Bros. Bell and Lafferty, in the field

Your Committee earnestly hopes that other brethren will yet decide to go, either as Chaplains, or Missionaries for six months. Surely out of 40 Ministers, a few more could find it convenient to labor for the Spiritual welfare of the Soldiers! The field is white to the harvest, but the laborers are few.

By order of the Committee,

(Signed) J. Rumple, Clerk.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made their report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows, viz.

That Presbytery spend one hour in devotional Exercises immediately after the order for adjourning at 11 o'clock A.M. Baltimore and benediction by the Moderator, address by Rev. Thos. F. Paxton, and prayer by Rev. A. H. Lafferty.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Presbytery submitted the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Jethro Rumple, Treasurer of Concord Presbytery have discharged the duty assigned them and beg leave to report that they find the accounts correctly stated, the Orders sustained by proper vouchers, and a balance in the Treasurers hands of $ 104.93

(Signed) D.A. Davis
E. Bye Hutchison } Com.

Presbytery then took a recess of forty minutes.

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Presbytery met after recess and proceeded to business. Leave of absence was granted to the following persons, viz. Messrs Elam Robinson, J. R. Davidson, J. S. J. Houston and R. H. Gibson.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Presbytery heard the Popular Sermon of Mr. J. J. Renwick, being a part of his trial before Presbytery.

The following persons were elected Commissioners to the next General Assembly, viz.—

Ministers Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick, D. D. and Rev. D. A. Penick, Sen. Principals, and Rev. J. Morris and Rev. E. F. Rockwell, Alternates. Elders—

Messrs. D. A. Davis, and Thos. A. Allison Principals, and and Prof. J. R. Blake and Maj. R. S. Young, Alternates.

The following report was adopted, and Ordered on record.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Dr. E. Bye Hutchison Treas. of Education, have discharged this duty and beg leave to report that they find the vouchers correctly stated and a balance in the Treasurers hands of $ 1641.30.

(Signed) J. Rumple } Com.
D. A. Davis }

The following report was made and adopted:

The Committee appointed to examine the account of Dr. E. Bye Hutchison, Treasurer of Church Extension, have discharged this duty, and beg leave to report that they find the accounts correctly stated, and a balance in the Treasurers hands of $ 1936.14 (Signed) J. Rumple } Com.
D. A. Davis }

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The following Committee was appointed to recommend Trustees for Davidson College, viz- Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. J. D. Hall, and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison.

The following committee was appointed to recommend Trustees for Concord Female College, Viz. Rev. R. H. Davis, Rev. J. C. Stewart, and Mr. J. D. Johnston.

A letter was read from the Rev. William Graves, giving his excuse for absence, which was approved.

A letter from the Rev. J. H. Freeman was placed in the hands of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee to recommend Trustees for Davidson College, nominated the following as suitable persons, who were elected for 4 years, viz.- Rev. Messrs. D. A. Brick, Sen. J. D. Hall, G. D. Parks, B. Scott Krider, and Messrs W. S. Harris, C. L. Hunter, M. D. Gen. D. H. Hill, and Thos. K. Price Esqr.

Bethany Church was chosen as the place for the next Semi-annual Meeting of Presbytery, and the 1st Thursday in Sept. next. at 11 o'clock A. M. as the time.

The following committee was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Domestic Missions, viz- Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. and Rev. B. Scott Krider.

Leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Robt. B. Anderson, Messrs. D. H. Davis, and E. Nye Hutchison. The following Resolution was passed.

Resolved, That all the funds collected for the education of the Orphans of Deceased Soldiers shall be reported under the columns headed miscellaneous.

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Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Spratt.

Mr. Brackett accepted the call from Third Creek Church, and obtained permission to retain in his hands the call from Unity (Rowan) for the present. The following committee was appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Brackett over Third Creek Church- viz. Rev. B. Scott Krider, and John Dickey Johnston.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock. Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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The Presbytery met and spent the first half hour in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Leave of absence from the remaining Sessions was granted to the Rev. Stephen Morris, and Messrs H. A. Holland, and J. N. Beatty.

Reports on the Records of Castania Grove, Mallard Creek and Unity, recommending their approval as far as written, were presented and adopted.

The Records of College Church, Rutherfordton, Little Britain, Hendersonville, Mills River, Bethany, Fourth Creek, Marion, Siloam, & Long Creek were approved as far as written with recorded exceptions.

The Records of Lincolnton, Sugar Creek, Bethesda, Third Creek and Unity (Rowan) with suggestions.

The Records of Salisbury, Bethpage, Centre, Salem, Concord Town, Bethel, Ramah & Philadelphia were approved with recorded exceptions.

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Rev. Messrs S. S. Murkland, C. A. Cockrell & J. Rumple, with Elders J. N. Ross, M. D. Troy, J. R. Blake, and Andrew Hunter were excused from attending after this morning's Session.

The hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Presbytery heard the Report on Education & after some discussion the Report was adopted, and is as follows.

The Committee on Education regret exceedingly that they have accomplished literally nothing during the year now past towards training candidates for the Ministry. All our beneficiaries, reported in former reports are still in the Army. We regret to state we have no new suitable subjects for the aid of the Church in this Holy Work.

Nevertheless the Committee cannot refrain from bringing this great subject of furnishing the Church with well trained and faithful Ministers to the special attention of the Presbytery. It is regarded as exactly important that the Presbytery, our Church Sessions, and our people should duly appreciate the darkness of our prospect of supplying vacancies as they shall in future occur in the pastoral and Ministerial offices.

These vacancies are already numerous and becoming more so. Truly the harvest is white, whilst the labourers few. Never the call was more imperative to pray the Lord of the Harvest to raise up and send forth labourers into the Harvest.

The Committee therefore earnestly recommend to Presbytery to urge the subject of looking up, encouraging and helping

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suitable candidates for the ministry upon the attention of Pastors and Churches, and Christian parents, as one of vital importance.

The Committee are of the opinion that it is Gods prerogative to call men to the Sacred Office, yet He works through the instrumentality of his people, upon whom most solemn responsibilities are resting.

The Committee further believe that Christian parents should dedicate their children to the Lord in the work of the Ministry subject of course to his Divine pleasure, train them with that object in view, and bring it to their attention when converted to God, and that Pastors and Parents should so teach them; and also that all Pastors and Stated Supplies are solemnly bound to be constantly looking out for pious youths of suitable qualifications to be educated for the Ministry, either by private means or the benefactions of the Church. & all ministers, elders and private Christians would follow their daily earnest prayer with corresponding efforts. It is believed that the Head of the Church, & so has the hearts of our youth fully under his control, would soon supply us with a competent number of both Candidates and Ministers.

After some experience in endeavoring to aid indigent youths in their preparation for the Ministry, your Committee in view of the scarcity of Candidates for the Ministry, the numerous and strong temptations for men of means to educate their sons for literature & vocations, the reasons we have for hoping that applications for aid will soon be much more numerous than heretofore, are more than ever favored by sentiments to the Confederate system

of Education, substantially as heretofore enumerated. If that system is to be even materially modified we think the present is by no means a favorable time for doing it, at any rate as it is proposed to do it by the overture which is to be before our next General Assembly. The Committee therefore respectfully submit, whether the Presbytery may not wisely make a deliverance upon the change which it is proposed to make in our Beneficiary System of Education.

(Signed) D. A. Penick Jr. Chm. of Com.

The following resolution upon the subject was adopted:
Resolved. That this Presbytery adheres to the Plan of Education already inaugurated by the General Assembly.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Domestic Missions reported that they were found to be correctly stated and a balance of $399.50 in the Treasurers hands.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, presented their report which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to bring to the notice of the Presbytery such matters in the proceedings of the last General Assembly as require its action, respectfully report:
1st. On the subject of providing a fund for the relief of the superannuated and disabled Ministers and their families.
The Committee recommend that this Presbytery comply with the injunction of the General Assembly found on page 128 of the Minutes: and further that they enjoin upon the churches to take up and report an annual collection accordingly. We further call attention to resolutions 4th and 5th on the same page

2nd, The recommendation of the General Assembly touching prayer for the same as found on page 133. The Committee recommend that Presbytery enjoin it on our Ministers and Churches to comply with the said recommendations.
3rd. We recommend that Presbytery reiterate the recommendations of the Assembly touching collections for educational purposes on page 134, Resolutions 2- 4.
4th The Committee call attention to the deliverance of the Assembly on the subject of Systematic Beneficence on page 135.
5th. On the contingent expenses of the Assembly, the committee call attention to its recommendation on page 134.

(Signed) D. A. Penick Jr. Ch. Com.

The following resolution was then adopted, viz.
Resolved. That Presbytery accede to the proposition made by the Assembly for the increase of the contingent fund, and will pay to the Assembly annually one Dollar for each minister and one Dollar for each church on our roll, on condition set forth by the Assembly.

The Narrative on the state of Religion was read, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly.

Narrative of the State of Religion in Concord Presbytery. April 1864

With devout gratitude to her gracious Head, the Presbytery of Concord is permitted to report to the General Assembly, that her Ministers have labored and her churches worshipped another year without molestation. While the number that has thinned the ranks of Zion has been sensibly diminished by the absence in many of her choicest sons in the army of our country, there are still encouraging numbers of devout worshippers in all our churches

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we come up to the Solemn Assemblies And though called upon to mourn over the untimely decease of many of our worthiest members slain in the battles of freedom, we are still cheered by encouraging additions to many of our churches and by precious periods of revival in a few.

And there is some reason to believe that the fiery trials through which the church is passing, though misconceived of and despised of many as a means of grace have nevertheless been impressibly operating on the hearts of Christians the graces of patience, self-denial, humility and charity.

In many of our churches the contributions to the various benevolent enterprises of the Assembly have been larger than at any former period. But candor compels the admission that this increase bears no fair proportion to the extraordinary rise in the price of every commodity in the market. Compared with former rates our charitable collections dwindle down to sums less than one fourth the amounts contributed in former days

In the matter of ministerial support we are beginning to hail the advent of better days. Many of our churches are largely increasing their pastors salaries by money, by liberal donations and by paying their stipend in provisions at old prices. The moral honesty of our people begins to be discharged in a disposition to give to the laborer something like an adequate support.

Several encouraging features concerning congregational prayer meetings betoken a deepening interest in Spiritual things, and indicate the revival of true piety in the

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hearts of believers.

In most of our churches Sabbath Schools are regularly carried on, and the children of the church are indoctrinated into the teachings of the Bible and the Catechisms of the Church. But this good custom is not universally observed, and too many churches fail to exert their energies in the instruction of the young, or they perform this duty in a superficial mode.

A few of our churches have put forth special efforts in giving instruction to our colored population both by way of preaching and by catechising; and in every instance with encouraging success. This faithful and useful class is very susceptible of religious impressions and are thankful for any instructions properly imparted. And yet how few of our ministers and churches discharge their whole duty to this dependent and submissive race. May a merciful Master in heaven forgive us for our past neglect and enable us to be more faithful in the future.

During the past year our members have generally abstained from all offences demanding severe discipline, and a spirit of harmony and brotherly love has pervaded our churches. At the same time it has often been difficult to excite in the minds of our people a deep interest in religious matters. Distracted by the stirring events of the day, or engrossed with the cares demanded to support a family, or attracted by the bewitching labor of fortune-making, the minds of too many have been diverted from all attention to their religious conditions, and have been drifting into the treacherous waters of worldliness and vanity, by the current of evil example.

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And let us not be weary in well doing for in due time we shall reap if we faint not. Many faithful souls are wont between the porch and the altar for the desolations of Zion, and prayers have ascended for her prosperity. The church was blest in her inception the rich legacy of precious promises left her by her great Founder and Head and in humble reliance upon these, she feels sure that the blessings of Judah shall be hers, and as her days so shall her strength be.

(Signed) J. Rample, H. B. Walls, } Com.
J. McD. Speall }

The order of the day having arrived nearly an hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. Jno. Kirkpatrick, and adopted:

1st. Resolved. That we here record our devout gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his goodness in sparing to us through so many years the lives and valuable services of our beloved fathers - the Rev. Walter S. Shaw, and the Rev. Stephen Fronties.

2nd Resolved, That whilst we shall always hail with the highest gratification their appearance on the floor of the Presytery, we feel that it is a tribute due to their advanced age, growing infirmities, and long established habits of punctuality to their public duties, and also to our own sentiments of reverence and affection for them not to require them to assign reasons in any case for absence.

Presbytery then took a recess of thirty minutes to meet in the session house.

Afternoon Session

Presbytery met pursuant to recess in the Session House.

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The Committee to recommend Trustees for Concord Female College, nominated the following persons, who were elected; viz. Rev. C. F. Rockwell, Rev. D. J. Rider, and Col. J. A. Allison.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of Mr. Gilbert R. Brackett over the Church of Third Creek, made the following Report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to make arrangements for the ordination and installation of G. R. Brackett, recommend that when Presbytery adjourns, it will adjourn to meet again at Third Creek Church on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in May next at 11 o'clock A. M. then and there to take such steps in the case as may be necessary in ordaining and installing G. R. Brackett: That the Rev. S. Fronties presides, propose the constitutional questions and offer the ordaining prayer, that Rev. H. B. Walls preach the sermon - that Rev. W. S. Shaw, charge the people, and R. J. Johnston charge the Pastor. That the Rev. J. D. Parks be alternate to the Rev. S. Fronties, Col. Markland be alternate to H. B. Walls, J. Rample to W. W. Shaw, and Wm. H. Shaw alternate to R. J. Johnston, and that John 6:44 be assigned as a text for Mr. Brackett's trial Sermon.

(Signed) J. Speall Rider, J. D. Johnston } Com.

The Rev. W. W. Kirkpatrick requested Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Church of Concord Town. Reasons being assigned which were deemed satisfactory, and the Church concurring in the request, it was granted, and the Rev. Wm. C. Beatty was appointed to preach in said Church and declare it vacant.

The examination of Mr. Kennedy was resumed. His Lecture was read, after which he retired.

The Rev. J. C. Morrison obtained leave of absence.

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The Committee on supplies made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Committee on Supplies would have to recommend, that the rev. S. Frontis be directed to preach one Sabbath at discretion

Rev. J. Rankin	.. .. ..	Newton
Rev. W. H. Thorn	.. .. ..	Concord Jan
" A. Russell	.. ..	
" J. C. Morrison	.. ..	at discretion.
" J. D. Hall	.. ..	..
" W. A. Morrison	..	Two Sabbaths at Swannanoa
" J. Thatwell	..	one Sabbath at Shelby,
" R. H. Chapman D.D.	..	" 1 at Buck.
" J. C. Carson	1 at Mills River and 1 at Sandy Plains	
" Wm. Graves	3 Sabbaths at discretion	
" J. S. Sherrard	1	
" J. C. Miller	1	
" R. H. Lafferty	1 at Monroe & administer the Communion	
" Rev J. C. Thain D.D.	1 at Monroe	
" J. D. Parks	2	
" W. C. Lentz	1 at Newton	
" Joseph Euler	1 at Concord Jan and 1 at Monroe.	
" A. Sinclair	2	at Monroe
" J. Temple	1	" Mocksville.
" L. L. Stewart	3 ..	at discretion.
" D. A. Penick jun.	1	at Monroe.
" Wm. P. Chain	1	at Shelby.
" J. C. Stewart	1	at discretion
" W. J. Watts	1	at Monroe
" R. Z. Johnston	.. ..	"
" S. C. Alexander	one at Unity & one at New Hope.	

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Rev. J. C. Kennedy spend one Sabbath at discretion.

(Signed) J. A. Davis
Thos. M. Paxton } Com.
Jos. H. Ross }

The following resolution was adopted in reference to Mr. John J. Kennedy:

Resolved, That Presbytery affectionately recommend to the candidate to pursue his studies still further, giving special attention to Didactic and Polemic Theology; and that Rom. 10: 4 be assigned him as a text for another Sermon. ✓

The Rev. D. A. Penick Jun and the Rev. R. H. Lafferty were appointed to communicate this action of the Presbytery to the candidate.

A committee consisting of the Rev. J. A. Davis, J. D. Hall, and S. C. Alexander was appointed to investigate matters, in the bounds of this Presbytery and the Presbytery of Bethel, relative to the late union between the Independent Presbyterian Church, and the Presbyterian Church, and report at the next meeting of the Presbytery.

The Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Jun. and William H. Thain were appointed a committee to install the Rev. Wm. McDonald over the Church of Bethlehem - Rev. D. A. Penick Jun. preside, preach the Sermon and charge the Pastor, and Rev. Wm. H. Thain, charge the people. Rev. D. A. Penick, jun. be alternate to the former, and Rev. S. C. Alexander, alternate to the latter.

Presbytery heard a letter from the Rev. J. McM. Caldwell, President of Concord Female College, in lieu of the regular report of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, and ordered it to be filed. See papers.

The Statistical Report of this Presbytery to the General

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Assembly was read and approved.

It was then resolved that Order No. 2 of the Standing rules which requires the reading of the combined report in open Presbytery be and is hereby rescinded.

The following resolution was then adopted, viz. —

Resolved, That the thanks of the Members of Presbytery are due, and are hereby tendered to the to the people of Pisgah Joint Congregation, for their kindness and hospitality to the members during their attendance on the Sessions of Presbytery; and that the Pastor be directed to make known this action to the Congregation.

After singing the 115th Hymn, Prayer and Benediction, Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church, on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in May at 11 o'clock A.M.

Robt. F. Johnston Mod.
A. H. Lafferty Stated Clerk. & E. Pressly Temp. Clerks.
S. Mc Hutchison

Third Creek Church
May 13th 1864.

The Presbytery to convene met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. R. F. Johnston.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Shaw, B. Scott Rider G. D. Parks, J. Rumple, and W. C. Watts, and Elder John D. Johnston of Third Creek Church.

Rev. J. Rumple was appointed temporary Clerk.

Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. Gilbert R. Brackett, a Licentiate under its care, with a view to his ordination and installation as Pastor of Third Creek Church.

Third Creek Church Friday, May 13th 1864.

Mr. Brackett preached his trial sermon, as directed from John 6: 4. Presbytery took a recess of half an hour.

After Recess

Presbytery met and examined Mr. Brackett on Theology and Philosophy, and his acquaintance with experimental Religion.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at the house of Mr. David Caldwell this evening at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

Rev. Gilbert Brackett, 8 o'clock P.M.

Presbytery met and was opened with prayer. Mr. Brackett was then examined upon the Greek and Hebrew Languages, Ecclesiastical History, Church government and the Sacraments.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at Third Creek Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

May 14th, Saturday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Presbytery met at Third Creek Church and was opened with prayer. Rev. B. S. Rider was appointed temporary Clerk in the absence of Rev. J. Rumple. Rev. A. Markland appeared in Presbytery, gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness and took his seat. On motion all the parts of trial and examination of Mr. Brackett were sustained as satisfactory.

On motion Rev. B. S. Rider, Rev. A. H. Lafferty and S. Mc Hutchison were appointed a committee to report to the next meeting Presbytery such steps as may be necessary to have the office of Deacon filled in all our churches. Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Mr. Brackett. Rev. W. W. Watts preached the sermon, Rev. J. Rumple presided and proposed the constitutional questions and Mr. Brackett was ordained to the full work of the ministry by the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, & installed Pastor of Third Creek Church. Rev. R. F. Johnston charged the Pastor & Rev. Walter W. Shaw the people. On motion Presbytery adjourned to meet at Bethany Church, 1st Sat. 1st. 1864, at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

R. F. Johnston. Mod.
B. Scott Rider Temp. Clerk.

Annual Report of the Presbytery of

The Presbytery of Concord report to the general Assembly that

Ministers Licentiates, and Candidates	Post Office Address	Churches
Nathl. L. Chain, S.S.	Parkers Store N. C.	Maitland Creek S.S.
A. H. Morrison D.D.	Cottage Home. N. C.	Unity Lincoln S.S.
		Machpelah S.S.
		Castanea Grove S.S.
Stephen Frontis M.C.	Deep Hill N. C.	Shelby "
Jesse Rankin S.S.	Lenoir N. C.	Lenoir S.S.
D. A. Penick Jun. P.	Pioneer Mills. N. C.	Rocky River "
Saml. Lindley A.M.		Wilkesboro. S.S.
Robt. Burwell "	Charlotte N. C.	Paw Creek "
Jas. C. Morrison D.D.	Morven N. C.	Lebanon S.S.
Jas. D. Hall "	Woodlawn N. C.	Goshen "
		New Hope S.S.
		Piney S.S.
		Statesboro. S.S.
W. A. Morrison M.C.	Asheville N. C.	Swannanoa "
Nathan Shotwell "	Rutherfordton N. C.	Rutherfordton "
		Little Britain "
E. H. Rockwell Prof.	Davidson College N. C.	Newton "
R. H. Chapman S.S.	Asheville N. C.	Duncans Creek "
J. A. Kirkpatrick S.S.	Res. Davidson College N.C.	College Church S.S.
C. C. Carson M.C.	Mills River N. C.	First Creek "
William Graves M.C.	Mills River N. C.	Sandy Plains "
S. S. Strickland S.S.	Mt. Carmel Church N. C.	Bethany S.S.
		Tabor S.S.
		Fifth Creek S.S.

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They consist of 47 Ministers, and have under their care 71 Churches, 3 Licentiates, 3 Candidates

Communicants				Baptized		No of Children in S.S. & C.C.	Stands Collected.							
Added on Examin	Added on Certif.	Removed	Total Comms.	Adults	Infants		Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Educ. cation	Pub. lica.	Col. & T.	Presbyterial	Congressional	Miscellaneous
4	1	13	223	2	9	30	16	65	54	47		12	272	
		6	60		1		188	20		100		15		
			18											
1	4	7	48	1			73			25		5		
			7											
			37											
14	1	176	523	3	35	200	641	155	23	30	9	30	1530	441
	1		16		4	8							250	
			215											
1		6	55		2	30	11	11				5	150	70
11	3		307		15									
5			19	2			25	25				3		140
			50											
4	1		29	2	1		30	50	20	15	20	5	761	
		7	118	4	5	55	20	15	15	12		130	600	
1	1		15									4		
2		2	34		3							3	117	
			36											
			25											
			8											
			75											
			36											
3			83		6	35	60	29				6	560	

Ministers. Licentiates and Candidates	Post Office Address	Churches		Communicants: Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Color'd Comm.	Total Comm.	Baptized: Adults	Infants	No. of Children in Sab. Sch. not Members	Funds Collected for: Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Edu.	Pub. Colp.	Ch. Ext.	Purely Local	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
J. H. W. Freeman Chap.	Jackson Hos. Richmond Va.	Tolopa	V				92											
		Dallas	V.				15											
Walter H. Hare	Statesville	N. C.	Fourth Creek	P.	19	8	44	234	4	12	100	149	184		68		20	3000		435
S. C. Millen S. S.	Taylorsville	N. C.	Taylorsville	S. S.	2	2	1	65		4	40							1250		25
Thos. H. Paxton S. S.	Marion	N. C.	Marion	S. S	3	1	1	32	1	1		65	26		20	36	4	280		
			Siloam	S. S.	6	2	1	44	1	7		24	22		20	19	4	200		
			Drusilla	S. S.				2		1							1	27		5
Robt. H. Davis	Lincolnton	N. C.	Long Creek	P.	3		2	107		2				15	65		6	243		105
			Lincolnton	S. S.		7	2	65		7	40				25		5	650		65
R. H. Lafferty	Charlotte	N. C.	Sugar Creek	P.	26	5	105	557	5	27	100	41	168	27	28		20	1500		500
S. C. Pharr S. S.	Mecklenburg	N. C.	Roswell	P.				219												
B. L. Hall Army Miss.	Paris & Fr.	Va	Davidsons River	P.				42												
H. C. Smith	Morganton	N. C.	Morganton	P.	2	1	1	76		3	21						10	3000		100
Wm. S. Moore	Franklin	N. C.	Franklin (Macon)	P.				25												
			Ebenezer	P.				47												
J. D. Parks S. S.	Enota	N. C.	Bethesda	S. S.	5			103		5		45			45		7	200		
J. Scott Rister	Swan Mills	N. C.	Augusta	P.	5	2	51	203	2	8	40	138		1126	100		12	963		55
Alexander Sinclair	Charlotte	N. C.	Charlotte	P.	1	1	14	218	1	23	75	657	264	255	440		40	2526		1476
J. Rumple	Salisbury	N. C.	Salisbury	P.	3	1	3	111	1	3	40	649	168	53	60		30	2600		3200
L. L. Stewart S. S.	Statesville	N. C.	Prospect Creek	S. S.				35												
D. A. Penick Evan.	Concord	N. C.	Pilot Knot	P.	10	4	100	209	4	8		280						800		451
Wm. H. Grier	Poplar Tent	N. C.	Bethpage	P.	3	8	43	185		13	60	38	16	2	15		8	350		105
			Centre	P.	9		40	160		6	30	13			13		14	350		102
J. S. Barr S. S.	Haney Hill	N. C.	Concord	S. S.	2	2	31	243		14	60	14		4			30	308		93
			Shiloh	S. S.				34										150		
			Salem	S. S.	1			34	1											
John C. Stewart D. M.	Murphy	N. C.	Hiwasse	S. S.				80												
John D. Wilson S. M.	Wilkesboro	N. C.	Jefferson	S. S	1	4		5		1								100		

Ministers Licentiates and Candidates	Post Office Address	Churches	Communicants: Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Colored Comm.	Total of Comm.	Baptisms: Adults	Infants	No. of Children in Sabbath School or Bible Class	Funds collected for: Dom. Miss.	For. Miss.	Education	Publication	Ch. Ext.	Presbyterial	Congregational	Miscellaneous.
W. B. Watts P.	Mianada N. C.	Prospect P.	11	6	73	350	2	15		103			272		12	610	127
J. J. Johnston P.	Pineville N. C.	Providence P.	3	3	14	170		10	20	112			228		12	611	86
		Sharon P.	1	2	57	169	4	11	25	81	38	34	35		18	548	451.
J. Carruthers Alexander P.	Whitehall N. C.	Steele Creek P.	6	1	49	191	5	13	54	50	27	13	39		14	631	
		Pleasant Hill P.	11	3	137	456	4	17							432	712	
Wm. M. Kilpatrick N. C.	Concord N. C.	Concord Town P.				116											
R. B. Anderson, P.	Cottage Home N. C.	Bethel P.	9		14	162		1	56	62					20	600	800
Thos. E. Davis S.S.	Davidson College N. C.	Ramah S.S.				69											
Wm. M. Donald P.	Morrisons Tan yard N. C.	Philadelphia P.	2	3	23	173		7		88					3	302	29
Total Ministers 44		Bethlehem P.	18	2	58	268	9	18		167					12	800	69
Licentiates 3		Beulah P.				150											
J. C. Kennedy	Statesville N. C.	Mills River P.				8											
R. H. Caldwell	Dash Mill N. C.	Hendersonville S.S.				32											
Gilbert R. Brackett	Rowan Mills N. C.	Third Creek P. (with Statesville) S.S.				21											
Candidates 3		Franklin (Rowan) S.S.	11	1	50	200	3	10	40	58			123			652	4200
		Asheville S.S.				91											
						41											
			1			64		10	40	331			50		10	2430	
Ministers 44. Licentiates 3. Candidates 3		Churches 71	241	71	1282	866	58	359	1263	1427	1323	1314	1885	62	963	8001 3	1357 2

The number of ordinations is one. Installations two Pastoral relations dissolved two. Churches organized one. By Order of Presbytery.

Charlotte N. C.
April 16th 1864

R. H. Lafferty, Stated Clerk

Bethany Church. Sessional N° 6.

Thursday Sept. 1st. 1864

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, from 1st John 3:2 "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

The Presbytery was constituted with prayer. Present;

Ministers

Rev. Messrs. Elisha Rankin
D. A. Penick Sen.
James L. Hall
E. F. Rockwell
J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D.
S. S. Markland
Walter W. Shaw
T. M. Davis.
T. C. Chan D.D.
J. C. Beall,
Wm. C. Shultz.
G. D. Parks
B. Scott Rutledge
J. Rumple
D. A. Penick Jun.
Wm. M. Shaw
J. S. Barr
Jno. D. Wilson
W. L. Watts
R. Z. Johnston.
J. C. Alexander.

Ruling Elders.

Messrs. James Harper.
Sandy McKinley.
J. H. Todd.
R. C. G. Love
John Steele.
Robt. Burgen.
J. A. Torrence.
Jas Parks.
W. S. Moore,
Joseph Henderson,
Wm. D. Johnston
Theophilus Cannon
T. Holmes.
H. F. Cowan.
James Adams,
R. H. Allison,
Thomas Brown
H. T. Stephenson,
James Stephenson,
Mortimer M. Murdock

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Ministers.

Rev. Messrs. W. M. Kilpatrick.
R. B. Anderson
Thos. McDonald.
Gilbert R. Brackett.

The Rev. John D. Wilson was elected Moderator, and the Rev. J. C. Beall, and Mr. R. H. Allison, Ruling Elder, Temporary Clerks.

The Rev. Messrs. Samuel J. Price of Roanoke Presbytery, and W. C. Longstreet, of Harmony Presbytery, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

On motion Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

After recess.

The Presbytery met. On motion the minutes of the last Semi-annual, and intervening, meeting were read by the Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

Ministers appointed to supply vacant churches were called upon to answer whether they had fulfilled their appointments.

The Rev. Thos C. Davis appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory excuse for tardiness.

J. C. Hamilton appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat, as Ruling Elder from Ramah Church.

On motion of Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. Presbytery resolved to spend the first half hour each days sessions, in devotional exercises with special reference to the condition of the Church and the country.

On motion of the Rev. Walter W. Shaw Presbytery resolved to hear the trial Sermon of the candidate, John J. Kennedy To-morrow afternoon immediately after recess.

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Presbytery proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Rev. A. H. Lafferty, which resulted in the unanimous choice of the Rev. J. Rumple.

A blank book tendered by the Rev. R. Z. Johnston for recording the minutes of Presbytery was accepted and the thanks of Presbytery returned to the donor.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to purchase a suitable book for the records of Presbytery.

The Standing Rules were read.

The Rev. Walter W. Pharr the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D. D. and Ruling Elder M. D. Johnston were appointed a Committee to revise the Standing Rules of the Presbytery, and report at the next regular meeting.

Letters were read from the Rev. Messrs S. Frontis, J. M. Paxton and D. Sinclair assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery.

A Call from the Church of Concord Town for the ministerial services of the Rev. Robt B. Anderson, as Pastor, promising him the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, payable in advance, during the present unsettled state of the country; and after the difficulties of the country are settled, such sum as will be acceptable to said Rev. R. B. Anderson and the congregation, was read, and on motion laid on the table.

A request from the Rev. R. Burwell to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between himself and the Paw Creek Church, was read, and being accompanied by a letter of acquiescence from Paw Creek congregation,

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the Presbytery deemed the reasons good, and dissolved the pastoral relation. The Rev. S. C. Pharr D. D. was appointed to preach in Paw Creek Church, and declare it vacant.

In answer to an overture from the Session of Olney church, asking how they shall receive the Moderator and Clerk of the Independent Church uniting with them, they were instructed to receive them upon their knowledge of the fact that they are members of said Church in good and regular standing.

The following judicial paper preferring charges against the Rev. J. Curtis Stewart was read, and referred to the Judicial Committee; viz.

To the Presbytery of Concord.

The undersigned, actuated by a sincere desire to promote the honor and purity of religion by vindicating the Presbytery with which they are connected, and certain members thereof from aspersions calculated to affect injuriously their reputation and usefulness, do enter process before the honored Presbytery against the Rev. John Curtis Stewart, a member of the Presbytery, on the following charges and specifications, viz

Charge 1st. That on or about the month of October last he wrote and procured the publication of, in the "Times," a secular newspaper published in Statesville N. C. an article signed M. D. of the first letters of his several names which article, in spirit and in terms, is disrespectful towards the Presbytery, defamatory of it and calculated to bring it into contempt.

1st Specification. In declaring the Presbytery with insincerity, in independence in ordinary business, in order to ob-

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sons, and the temperation in which it was then standing its sessions, the days of fasting and prayer appointed by the civil authorities of the country.

2nd Specification, In saying, or insinuating that the members of the Presbytery, in their observance of the said day of fasting and Prayer, "quit their calling, deserted their Master and his cause, degraded themselves and debased in going into party politics" and proving or showing themselves bigger goats than any one else.

Charge 2nd That in the article published in the News Paper as described in charge 1st, he, the said Stewart, did grossly misrepresent the sermons, and defame the character of certain members of the Presbytery, ministers of the gospel of the highest rebute, whilst in the discharge of a public duty, assigned them by the Presbytery.

1st Specification, In stating that one of these ministers meaning the Rev. R. H. Lafferty in an address made on the day of fasting and Prayer mentioned above, declared that he (of the South) were fighting for an religious institution "that is slavery"

2nd Specification, In quoting as applicable to the said R. H. Lafferty passages of scripture which forbid lying and denounce the most awful woes upon liars, thereby upbraiding, or implying that he has been guilty of lying, and that he was a liar.

3rd Specification In stating that he has heard that another Minister of the gospel and member of the Presbytery, meaning the Rev. Wilson Saunders had left the pulpit and mounted the rostrum in a bitter partisan controversial political meeting" thereby originating or else giving circulation to a false

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and injurious rumor concerning the said Minister.

4th Specification. In charging the same minister with saying that "preachers ought from the pulpit to preach politics."

Charge 3rd. That the spirit manifested in the article in the newspaper, as specified in Charge 1st; and the language employed in it in the particulars set forth in the foregoing charges and specifications, and in other particulars, which it is deemed unnecessary to detail, are both contrary to the fraternal kindness and courtesy which the gospel requires, and in violation of the vows which the said Stewart took at his ordination.

The evidence which will be adduced on support of the foregoing Charges and Specifications is The article in the "Times" already inserted; a part of the manuscript copy of the said Article in the handwriting of the accused; William Dedman Esqr. Editor of the Hendersonville Times; Members of the Concord Presbytery who were present at the meeting of the Presbytery at Little William Church, in August 1863, or as many of them as it may be found necessary to examine.

Letters written by Mr. Stewart will if necessary, be introduced to prove his handwriting.

The right is reserved to introduce other testimony and witnesses of which due notice will be given to the accused according to the requirements of the book of Discipline. (Signed) D. A. Davis.
Aug. 30th 1864. E. Nye Hutchisons

The Moderator announced the following committees, viz.

On Bills and Overtures. The Rev. Messrs. R. Z. Johnston, Jr. Rankin, and ruling Elder M. D. Johnston.

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Judicial Committee. Rev. Messrs J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. D.A. Penick Jun and Mr. James Harper.
On Devotional Exercises. The Rev. J.S. Markland with Elders Wm. H. Bowman and Jas. Adams.
On Jubilies. The Rev. Messrs. J. Rumple W. Scott Hrider and Mr. Thomas Brown.
On the Narrative to Synod- The Rev. Messrs. E. H. Rockwell, S. C. Pharr D.D. and Mr. W. A. Stekhenson.
On the Minutes of Synod. Rev. Messrs. Walter W. Pharr D.D. Penick Jun. and Mr. Wm. L. Moore.
On the Minutes of the General Assembly- The Rev. Messrs D.A. Penick Jun. J.L. Kirkpatrick D.D. and Mr. J. McKinley. ✓
✓ Reports were made by the Rev. D.A. Penick Jun. and the Rev. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. Commissioners to the last General Assembly, concerning the doings of that Court.
A Committee was appointed, consisting of the Rev. S. C. Pharr D.D. the Rev. Jesse Rankin and Mr. M.D. Johnston, to bring in a minute in reference to the death of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty
The Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9. o'clock Closed with prayer.

Friday Morning
September 2nd 1864.

The Presbytery met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.
The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.
Presbytery took up from the table the call of Concord Town Church for the pastoral services of the Rev. Wm. S. Anderson. On motion, A. M. Allison Ruling Elder from the said Church, was received

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and heard as Commissioner to prosecute the call from Concord Town Church. Mr. Allison having been heard the call was placed in Mr. Andersons hands for consideration
The Rev. Messrs. S. C. Millen A. H. Chapman D.D. L.L. Stewart and J. C. Stewart appeared in Presbytery and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.
Mr. M. Stephenson, Ruling Elder from Taylorsville Church and Mr. Wm. Black, Ruling Elder from Little Britain Church took their seats in Presbytery.
The following minute on the death of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty was presented, and on motion received, and (Rev. J. J. Johnston being added to the com.) the minute was amended & adopted:
The Committee appointed to prepare a suitable minute expressive of the views and feelings of the Presbytery in reference to the death of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty respectfully present the following:
Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our dearly beloved brother the Rev. R. H. Lafferty, a member of this body, in the midst of his years and usefulness, therefore
Resolved (1) That whilst we deeply regret and lament his departure, at a period when to human appearance he could scarcely be spared and when his graces were in all the churches, we would bow with humble submission to the inscrutable dispensation of Providence, confidently believing that our irreparable loss is, to him, everlasting gain, and that he is now enjoying the beatific vision of the King in his glory and beauty and reaping the full reward of all his faithful labors.
(2) That we will ever cherish a lively and grateful remembrance of his earnest and devoted piety, the purity of his motives, his integrity

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and uprightness; his unsullied reputation, his humility and heavenly mindedness, his punctuality and fidelity as a minister and the Stated Clerk of this Presbytery for years, his perspicuous and instructive Sermons, his popularity with his people, his accurate and extensive knowledge of, and adherence to the Constitution and doctrines of our Church, his noble impulses, and generous liberality, his uniform and untiring zeal for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls- especially displayed as a Missionary to the army, daily laboring and praying for the conversion of soldiers.

(3) That as Members of this Presbytery we shall endeavor to realize the shortness of time, the uncertainty of life, and the greatness of our work, and that imitating the model of diligence and perseverance which he exhibited to us, we will by the aid of the Divine Spirit strive to perform our whole duty until our Heavenly Master shall call us hence.

(4) That we sincerely condole with the afflicted family and congregation of our deceased brother, and whilst recommending them to cast their burdens upon the Lord, we shall fervently pray that He may sustain and console them.

(5) That we do regard it as our duty to care and provide for the families of such ministers with parental solicitude and kindness, and to visit them more frequently, when in the Providence of God, we have it in our power to do so near them.

(Signed) S. C. Pharr, Chm of Com.

The Rev. J. McM. Caldwell of the Presbytery of Ebenezer being present was invited to act as a Corresponding Member

The Committee on the Narrative of the General Assembly presented a report, which was read, and on motion

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tion, adopted on the docket.

The following report of Agent of Foreign Missions was read and accepted, viz.

Report of the Agent for Foreign Missions.

Much of the country formerly occupied by Missionaries has fallen into the hands of the enemy, & like with other portions it has been almost impossible to have any correspondence. The list of names handed over by the previous committee consists of twenty four all of whom except one were laboring in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi. Among these are now in the army, and one has been transferred to Alabama. Four new Missionaries have been commissioned to labor in the State of Mississippi. The whole number of Missionaries now on our list is twenty-five. In the present state of the country it is not possible materially to enlarge this department.

Executive committees have turned their attention to the army work, and have endeavored to locate two Presbyterian Ministers in every Brigade.

Such an arrangement would require 25 laborers and an annual expenditure of $ 9,000,00

One hundred and one names have been enrolled. Of these the Synod of Ky. 21 of Ga. 6 of Ala. 6 Miss. 3 Synod of Memphis 2; of Texas 4, Synod of Nashville 5. Besides these there are 32 other Ministers of our Church holding Commissions as Chaplains or authorized by Presbyteries, or private correspondence making the whole number of Presbyterians now in the Army about 130 Nine Brethren have preached twice sometimes three times on the Sabbath have lectured or held prayer meetings almost

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every night have conversed daily with individuals in relation to the salvation of their souls: have organized and taught Bible Classes: have visited the sick and relieved; have distributed testaments, tracts, hymn books, and religious newspapers in large quantities. In many portions of the Army our soldiers have received as much religious instruction as they ever enjoyed in the most favored spot of their lives.

Lodge Rooms have been built in different camps of the Army of the Tennessee sufficient to accommodate five hundred hearers. The soldiers have listened attentively and eagerly to the word.

During the year, there have been three distinct periods of religious interest, particularly in the armies of Northern Virginia and Tennessee.

The first of these occurred last spring and terminated with great power, after their religious meetings were broken up by the active operations of the army.

The second took place in the autumn, soon after the armies went into winter quarters, and the third prevails at the opening of the Spring. Perhaps the whole might be regarded as one great and glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit interrupted now and then only to the imperfect division of days but united and continued to the use of Sabbath.

By comparing the different tables we learn that the number of conversions during the last year among our soldiers has probably reached 12,000 History records nothing of the kind.

Besides these conversions, there are hundreds and

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thousands enquiring what they must do to be saved, most of whom we trust will find their way to the foot of the Cross.

A commissioner has been appointed for the Transmississippi Department, the Rev. Henry McSmith; and recently, the Rev. Mr. H. Harrison, a refugee from Knoxville, has been sent thither to assist Mr. Smith and to labor in the army as a Missionary.

The financial condition of the Board is as follows;

Receipts during the year,	$ 19.344
Expenditures Do.	$ 45.880
Balance	$ 53.464
Invested in Treasury Bonds	$ 12.000
Balance in Treasury	$ 21.464

This amount is invested in Confederate Bonds.

In forwarding this exhibit of the Amounts contributed by the Churches and individuals in the bounds of this Presbytery

Received at Sulphur at Poplar Tent	$ 68.00
From Mrs. Lindsay	" 20.00
" Rutherfordton	" 50.00
" Hopewell	" 35.50
" Sugar Creek	" 206.60
Total	$ 375.10
Rec'd from Hollands Creek Sem. Knoxville.	28.50
Rev. J. H. Caldwell	40.00
Franklin Church	22.40
Clonagee	15.60
Little Britain	27.00
Statesboro (two sums)	31.00
Rutherfordton 50.00 Hopewell 84.00 =	134.00
Total	1274.60

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Fees &c have been paid into the Treasury as the receipts of Mr. Goodrow.

(Signed) J. C. Chan. agent.

The Committee appointed to investigate matters relative to the union of the Independent and Presbyterian Churches, presented a report, which was accepted, and on motion recommitted to the same committee.

Messrs. Chas. Brown, and Joseph Henderson, Elders obtained leave of absence after the present sessions of the Presbytery.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

Friday Afternoon.

After recess, the Presbytery met. Leave of absence after to-days sessions was granted to Ruling Elder R. H. Wilson and Rev. Wilkins Chanon.

Presbytery took up the order of the day, and heard the trial sermon of the Candidate, J. J. Kennedy. George Robinson, Ruling Elder from Bethesda Church, appeared and took his seat in Presbytery. Leave of absence after to-days sessions was granted to Messrs. Adams, Ruling Elder from Fort Mill. The Rev. J. C. Chapman D.D. and James Harper Ruling Elder, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

The Committee appointed to call attention to the importance of the Deacons Office, made the following report which was adopted, viz:-

Whereas the harmony & our form of government authorizes Presbyteries to ordain and install the officers of Deacon and Deaconess &

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organization of the Church, defining its nature and duties, and -

Whereas many of our churches practically ignore this office by neglecting to elect its duties, thereby the absence of Elders and Trustees,

Be it therefore resolved, That Presbytery enjoin it upon those churches to elect and ordain Deacons as soon as practicable. (Signed) B. Scott Kirkland, Chm. of Com.

On motion Presbytery engaged in a free conversation on the state of religion in our churches.

Leave of absence after to days sessions was granted to the Rev. J. C. Chan, D.D. and Ruling Elder, J. H. Todd. Liberty was given to the Rev. J. C. Chan, D.D. to labor one third of his time in Paw Creek Congregation, the Church of Hopewell consenting to the arrangement.

The Presbytery proceeded to examine Mr. J. J. Kennedy on Theology. On motion the examination of Mr. Kennedy was sustained as satisfactory, and his licensure ordered to take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock A.M.

After prayer the Presbytery adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Saturday Morning, 9 o'clock.

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The Presbytery met and spent a half hour in devotional exercises. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected.

Mr. B. Scott Kirkland was appointed temporary clerk in the place of Mr. R. H. Wilson, absent with leave.

The following paper with reference to the Charlotte Church was offered and adopted, viz.-

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Whereas the Presbytery has reason to fear that there is serious dissatisfaction among the members of the Church of Charlotte, which threatens to open the door of Presbyterianism in that Town, if not to result in a schism in the Church - Whereas also, the Presbytery is specially charged to watch over all the Churches under its care, and to do all that can be done to promote their peace and prosperity as well as to advance as far as possible the general cause of the Master:

Therefore Resolved (1) That the Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Sen. J. Rankin, J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. R. H. Morrison D.D. and Ruling Elders, A. C. McIntosh, D. A. Davis, and R. L. McDowell be a committee to visit the Town of Charlotte, confer with the disaffected members of the church there; assure them of the undiminished interest which Presbytery feels in them, and affectionately endeavor to effect harmony and co-operation between them and their Pastor, and the other members of the church.

(2) In case, however, of a failure to consummate so desirable a result, then and in that [case] the Committee be, and hereby are authorized, provided a sufficient number of the disaffected families and persons attached to, approve of such a step, to organize said members of the Charlotte Church into a separate Church, to be known as the 2nd Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, and a colony of the mother Church - (whose members, it is confidently expected, will liberally assist said new organization, at the present time, in erecting a suitable church edifice -) and report their doings to the Presbytery at its next semi annual meeting -

The time for the order of the day having arrived John C. Kennedy was licensed after having adopted

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the Confession of Faith, to preach the gospel as a probationer for the Holy ministry.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Narrative to Synod on the State of Religion, presented the following report, which was received, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Synod, viz.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Narrative of the State of Religion, present the following summary from the reports given in.

While many of our Pastors have spent a portion of their time in the army, & have not found a large part of the time and some of their congregations, the attendance in general upon the means of grace has been good: and there is a growing interest in the prosperity of the Church, and the advancement of Christs Kingdom.

It is expected to record that though no great extraordinary religion have been enjoyed, the work of the Holy Spirit has been going on silently and gradually, like the leaven hid in the measures of meal, transforming the children of the devil into children of God.

In the aggregate, a goodly number of additions on examination are reported, some from the unconverted, exhibiting the lovely traits of Christian character.

We find that in most of our churches the Lambs of the flock and the precious youth are gathered into Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes under the superintendence of Pastors and Elders, giving hope of a rich harvest in time to come.

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There is a good degree of liberality in supporting the ministry, and sustaining the benevolent operations of the church.

Regular weekly, and in one instance - that the - a daily prayer meeting exists. The monthly concert is mentioned in some but not in all the records.

All are glad to state, that we are cut off in a great degree from the work of foreign Missions, and public contributions of remaining inactive in sending objects of benevolence at a distance - in the language of Randolph "find the wants at their own door" - they are removing darkness ignorance and stupidity from the midst of them. The colored race is receiving a good share of attention - in way of Sabbath Schools, Catechetical instruction and preaching. And though much of this kind of work remains to be done, we regard this as one of the best signs of the times.

Order is to be noted, especially in these days of trouble and commotion, the love of some cases cold and in some instances there is a want of co-operation between part of the Elders with their pastors; and a want of harmony and good feeling among private members of the Church. Yet these are spoken of only in a few instances.

Nothing is said of the process of temperance, and it is to be feared that the vice of intemperance, and the violation of the Sabbath and the sin of covetousness are on the increase. There is not in general that healthy tone of moral and religious sentiment abroad in the community that is desirable. With all

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the means of grace and moral ordinances "iniquity abounds in like a flood."

But on the whole we have reason to thank God and take courage. Above the din of party politics, and the noise of war we can hear the voice of the Great Leader of the hosts of God, saying "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

Signed C. H. Rockwell, } Com.
H. V. Stephenson, }

The Judicial Committee made a report which was adopted, and is as follows, viz.

The Judicial Committee would report that they have examined the papers placed in their hands, containing charges with specifications against the Rev. John Curtis Stewart preferred by D. A. Davis and E. Wyatt Robinson, and find the document respectful in its terms and involving matters affecting the character and usefulness of a member of this Presbytery, and on the other, the reputation and harmony of the Presbytery itself. The Committee therefore recommend.

1st That the case as set forth by the prosecutor above be entered on the records of Shadybay for trial at the next semi-annual meeting of the body.

2nd That the Stated Clerk issue a citation to the accused, accompanied with a copy of the charges and specifications and of the names of the witnesses.

3rd That the Rev. T. H. Chapman D.D. the Rev. W. A. Hood and Ruling Elder A. C. Summey be a commission on the part of the Presbytery to take the testimony of Wm. Dodman of Fundamentville, in the above case, giving

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the accused due notice of the time and place of examining the witness. (Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick
D. A. Penick Sen. } Just. Com
James Harper }

On motion it was made the order of the day, after recess, to elect an Evangelist of Presbytery.

The Committee on Supplies presented a report which was adopted and is as follows, viz. -

The committee on supplies beg leave to make the following report, viz -

That the Rev. Messrs. J. L. Kirkpatrick D.D. W. Sinclair R. T. Johnston and Wm. McDonald spend each one Sabbath in Monroe.

Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick Sen. and Wm. M. Shaw spend each one Sabbath in Stanly County.

Rev. J. G. Alexander one Sabbath at New Hope.

Rev. N. D. Anderson one Sabbath in General Town.

Rev. R. M. Davis, one Sabbath in Shelby.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison D. D. and James D. Hall each one Sabbath in Dallas.

Rev. W. M. Chapman D.D. two Sabbaths at Sandy Plains

Rev. Nelson Rankin one Sabbath in Catawba County

Rev. Messrs. B. Scott Reid J. Rumple and W. B. Wells each one Sabbath in East Lenoir.

Rev. Messrs J. D. Parks and J. A. Brackett each one Sabbath in Fayetteville

Rev. W. M. McEntire one Sabbath at East Bend, and preach once or more at Huntsville or vicinity.

Rev. Messrs. Walter, W. Chain and W. L. Beall, each one Sabbath at Sugar Creek.

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Rev. J. C. Chain. D.D. one Sabbath at Paw Creek.

All others to spend one or more Sabbaths in some destitute Church, or on Missionary ground.

(Signed) J. Rumple
B. Scott Reid } Com.
Thos. Brown }

The Treas. of Presbytery offered a report which was accepted, and is as follows, viz -

The following Churches have failed to pay their Assessment for the present year Bentah 1 dollar Eastanea Grove 5 Dallas 8 Davidson River 5 Lenoir 3 Mount Creek 1, Franklin (Macon) 2, Franklin Rama 4 goshen 1 Limestone 3 Jefferson 3, Lobelia & Lincolnton 6. Long Creek 6, Macedonia & Mallard Creek 12 Mills River 4 New Hope 4 Pleasant Hill 10 Salem Shandy Plains 1 Shelby 1 Unity 3 Swannanoa 4 Taylorsville 4 Wilkesboro 2. Making in all $ 106.00

(Signed) J. Rumple Treas.

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod made the following report, which was adopted

The Committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod would report that they have attended to the duty assigned them. They find very little in the proceedings of Synod requiring the special notice of this Presbytery.

We would however recommend that this Presbytery enjoin it upon the Churches under our care to be liberal and regular in their contributions to the causes of Missions and Publication.

Also that they observe the last Thursday in February as a day of special prayer for the outpouring

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of the Christ on our Schools and Colleges, and that a collection be taken up in that day for the great cause of Christian Education.

We would also call attention to the resolutions on page 17 of the Minutes, which caution the Presbyteries concerning the habit of ordaining ministers at "pro re nata" and other intermediate meetings of the Presbytery. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) Martin H. Shaw, Chm.

The Treasurer of Presbytery, the Rev. J. Rumble, tendered his resignation to take effect at the next semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery. His resignation was accepted and the thanks of the Presbytery returned to him for his past services.

The Rev. R. A. Davis, was then unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer of Presbytery.

The Rev. W. J. Price, Agent for the Union Theological Seminary being present, the Presbytery recommended him and the cause of the Seminary to the patronage of our Churches.

The Committee appointed to report in relation to affairs growing out the union of the Independent Presbyterian Church with the Presbyterian Church having modified their paper, offered it to the Presbytery; and on motion it was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The Committee appointed to investigate certain matters growing out of the Presbyterian and Independent Churches on our Southern border,

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beg leave to submit the following report, viz.

Your Committee understands their investigation extends to two or three churches, embracing Union and Shug especially.

Union Church is situated on the line, but is in the bounds of this Presbytery, and numbers about 150 members. This Church was formerly Independent, but since its connexion with the Presbyterian Church is under the care of Bethel Presbytery.

Big Church & Shug, under the care of this Presbytery, has a membership of about 150, and in connexion with New Hope, 9 miles distant constitute an interesting pastoral charge. This Church, Shug, which was formerly about equally divided between Presbyterians and Independents, has happily united.

Your Committee finds then that one of the Churches, Union in the bounds of this Presbytery is under the care of Bethel and that one of the members of Bethel Presbytery is living and preaching within the limits of the Presbytery of Concord. These things your Committee regard as irregular, and in view of them we recommend that this Presbytery request the Presbytery of Bethel to transfer any Church or Minister now living in our bounds, but under the care of their Body, to the Presbytery of Concord.

Your Committee further recommend that the Stated Clerk transmit a copy of this report to

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the Presbytery of Bethel, and request it to forward to this Presbytery the result of its action at its earliest convenience

Signed. R. H. Davis. }
Jas. D. Hall } Com.
S. C. Alexander }

The Agent of Publication the Rev. G. D. Parks, made the following report, which was accepted, amended and adopted; viz.

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In order to the extension, and final triumph of the Redeemers kingdom, knowledge is indispensible. The great work of that kingdom is to destroy the kingdom of darkness; and this destruction is to be effected in the dissemination of light. The diffusion of knowledge is and must be in fact in the beginning of the work of this kingdom, to the pioneer page in scattering the clouds of ignorance that hang so thick over the world.

The publication therefore of the scriptures and religious tracts and books to be sent abroad over the land to the mansions of the rich and the humble abodes of the poor to the hospitals and camps of the army, to be read by day and night to give comfort and warning and instruction where the Minister can not or may not go is work whose importance we cannot overestimate and to carry forward which we should put forth every effort in our power

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And a Volume of importance belongs to the work in ordinary circumstances, is greatly enhanced by the peculiar condition of the church at this time. A great and urgent demand exists in the army for the publications of the Committee. In addition to this present demand, a large fund must be secured in order to work successfully this right arm of the Church, when this war shall come to an end.

But it is evident that our churches do not feel as they should the great obligation resting upon them in regard to this matter. The want of interest is made apparent in the following report of contributions made during the last ecclesiastical year.

Hopewell Church gave	$215.00	Rocky Run gave	$10.00
Mud Creek	41.25	Salisbury	60.00
Salisbury	56.50	Mallard Creek	46.60
Statesville	30.00	Providence	35.25
Hopewell	6.50	Plum Creek	18.50
Rocky River	47.50	Bethesda	45.00
Indiana gave	15.50	South Creek	68.00
Unity, Lincoln	10.50	Sharon	49.20
Sugar Creek	25.55	Little Britain	12.00
Mt. Pl. Clayton	6.00	Centre	23.00
Providence	25.65	Bethpage	15.00
Sharon	25.70	Sugar Creek	28.25
Fifth Creek	10.00	Unity, Lincoln	100.00
Hopewell	30.00	J. D. Park	250.00
South Creek	12.00	Rutherfordton	40.00
Bethpage	6.00	Mrs. D. J. Knox	10.00
Centre	18.00		
J. D. Park	35.00		

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and $ this the amount on hand at the beginning of the time in question, $365.50 and $50.00 arising from money exchanged for a premium and we have the sum of $2023.75 contributed in the bounds of the Presbytery during the two last years.-

From this report it will be seen that less than twenty of our Churches have done any thing for this great object. And it is evident that the object has not been presented to the Churches in ministers and sessions, for had the cause been presented something however little would have been reported. Your Agent would therefore call the attention of Presbytery to the action of the Synod on this subject, at its last meeting, as follows page 1. Res. 1 & 2.

1 Resolved. That the Churches under the care of this Synod be earnestly requested to enlarge their contributions to the Assembly's Committee of Publication, with a view to the double purpose of printing and circulating tracts and other religious reading in our army, and of establishing a fund that will enable the Committee to place the publication enterprise on a permanent basis, and also furnish the Church with a literature in accordance with our Standards of faith.

2 Resolved, That the Pastors and Stated Supplies of this Synod be enjoined to read these resolutions to their Congregations and commend this subject to their Christian Sympathy and liberality.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) J. D. Park. Agent.

On motion, the several Presbyterial Agents of Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Education and

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and Publication, were instructed to obtain annually before making their reports to Presbytery, from the several Treasurers of the Assembly's Executive Committees, a statement of the sums of money received by them for the several objects, with the names of the Churches and individuals contributing the sums, to be by them incorporated in their reports to Presbytery.

Ruling Elders, M. D. Johnston and M. Stephenson were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication.

Leave of absence was granted to Ruling Elders, T. H. Hamilton, Jno. Steele, A. McKinley, Jas Parks and George Robinson, after this morning's Session.

The Rev. Messrs. J. D. Parks, and D. A. Penick Jun. also procured leave of absence after this morning Session.

The Rev. D. A. Penick, Jun reported that he, with the Rev. Wm. M. Phaw, the Committee appointed, did install the Rev. Wm. McDonald over the Church of Bethlehem on the 27th of May, 1864.

The Presbytery agreed to hold its next regular semi annual meeting at Providence Church on Wednesday before the 4th Sabbath in April 1865 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Presbytery took a recess of one hour.

Saturday P.M. afternoon.

After recess the Presbytery met, and took a recess of ten minutes to meet again in the Ebenezer Academy.

Having met after recess in the Academy, the Presbytery postponed the order of the day for the present.

A report from the Trustees of Davidson College was read by the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, and received, and is

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as follows, viz:

In obedience to the order of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College, the undersigned, a committee for the purpose, would submit to the Concord Presbytery the following annual report respecting the condition of the institution:

The exercises of the College were regularly resumed, the first of October and were continued through the year. The number of students attached to the College proper was Thirty one. These added to the members of the preparatory department, under the care of the faculty make Seventy six in actual attendance.

The deportment of the students, and their attention to their duties were on the whole, unusually gratifying. The usual religious services were held with the students, and several seemed to be seriously impressed - some of them avowing a hope of acceptance through the Redeemer.

The bill of Congress subjecting those who had attained the age of seventeen to the military service, went into operation in the month of April, and deprived us of nearly one half of the students, and it is feared the same cause will prevent us, in the future from receiving many who would otherwise resort to our institution for instruction.

The finances of the College are in a prosperous state. Through a kind Providence our funds have sustained no loss in the calam-

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ities which have fallen on our Country. The invested capital now amounts to Two Hundred and Thirty Six Thousand Dollars ($236.000) being an increase during the past year of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20.000), or more. Of this increase Eight Thousand Dollars ($8.000) was received from the Estate of the late William Lee Davidson, of Alabama; and the remainder arose from an excess in the receipts over the expenditures of the institution.

The exercises of the College will be resumed at the regular time, viz. the first of October next.

On behalf of the Committee.

(Signed) J. L. Kirkpatrick

Aug. 1864

The following resolution in relation to the Concord Female College was presented and adopted,

Resolved. That Presbytery recommends to the Trustees of Concord Female College, the necessity of taking steps for the endowment of the Teachers' Department in that institution.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of Publication, presented the following Report which was adopted,

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The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee of Publication have attended to that duty and find that the Treasurer has received two Thousand twenty three $ dollars and that he has disbursed the sum of one thousand seventy three $ dollars, for which Vouchers were exhibit-

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of, leaving a balance of Fifty dollars and 20 cents in the hands of the Treasurer. All which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) A. D. Johnston } Com
E. McStephenson }

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Agent of Foreign Missions presented their report which was adopted and is as follows:

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Rev. Dr. Chapman Agent for Foreign Missions report that they have attended to the duty assigned them — they find the additions correctly made and that the account of the agent is duly and fully sustained by appropriate vouchers.

Sept 3rd 1864 (Signed) John Platt Chairman Com.

The Presbytery proceeded to the election of an Evangelist for the ensuing year to labor in the destitute regions west of the Blue Ridge, which resulted in the choice of the Rev. Dr. Chapman. His salary was fixed at $2000. of Two Thousand Dollars per annum.

The Rev. Thos E. Davis obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

Leave of absence was also granted to the Rev. Messrs W. C. Shertz and J. C. Miller and to Mr. M. E. McPherson from the remaining sessions of the Presbytery.

Rev. R. B. Anderson was allowed to retain in his hands until the meeting of Presbytery during the coming sessions of Synod the call from the Concord Church

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The Rev. J. J. Markland also Elam leave to hold the calls from Bethany and Fifth Creek Churches until the next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

Leave was granted to the Rev. G. R. Brackett to hold the call from Unity (Rowan) until next regular meeting of the Presbytery.

A Committee consisting of the Rev. Walter R. Chace, the Rev. R. G. Johnston and Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, to prepare a sketch of the life and labors of the Rev. R. H. Lafferty for permanent record, and report at the next semi-annual meeting of the Presbytery was appointed. The following Resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to write to each of the Licentiates and Candidates under the care of this Presbytery requiring them to report to the Presbytery, either in person or by letter, at each Semi-annual meeting his to their engagements, prospects, and other matters respecting themselves, of which they may suppose the Presbytery would desire to be informed.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved That the thanks of this Presbytery are due to the members of this church and to the citizens of this Community, for their hospitality manifested in the entertainment of the members of the Presbytery; and that this notice be publicly read by the Pastor.

The Stated Clerk was ordered to forward an abstract of the minutes of this meeting to the N. C. Presbyterian for publication.

The minutes of to-days Session were read and approved.

After singing, prayer and Apostolic benediction the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator during the meeting of the coming Synod.

John D. Wilson Moderator

J. Rumple Stated Clerk

B. Le. Beall, R. H. Allison Jun
E. Leod Linn Clerks

P. S. List of Absentees from the Sessions of the Presbytery, held at Bethany, Oct 1st 2nd and 3rd. 1864.
Ministers, Rev Messrs A. H. Morrison D. D. Paul Lindsley, Robt. Burwell, James E. Morrison, W. A. Morrison, & Nathan Shotwell. John C Carson, Wm. Graves, J. H. Freeman, W. T. Moore.
Churches and Pastorates. Mallard Creek, Unity, Lem's Machpelah, Eastatoe, Rocky, College Church, Dallas, Lebanon, Hudesboro, Goshen, New Hope, Third Creek, Shelby, Back Creek & Prospect, Statesville, Sandy Plain, Beulah, Siloam, Steele Creek & Pleasant Hill, Lincolnton, Hopewell, Ebenezer & Franklin, Mocksville, Hiwassee, Salisbury, Bethel, Hendersonville, Davidson River, Mills River, Unity R.) Providence & Sharon, Swannanoa, Flat Creek, Bethpage & Centre, Duncans Creek, Hillsboro, Newton, Philadelphia & Bethlehem, Franklin R.) Jefferson, Rheims Creek.

Statistical Report of Concord Presbytery to the Synod of North Carolina for 1864

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of Forty four Ministers and have under their care Seventy two Churches, Three Licentiates, and two Candidates; That on the 28th of Nov. 1863 they installed the Rev. Alexander Sinclair over the Church of Charlotte; that on the 15th of April 1864 they received under their care from the Presbytery of Bethel, Licentiate Gilbert R. Brackett that on the 16th of April 1864 they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Robt. M. Kilpatrick and the Church of

Concord Town, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 17th of May 1864 they ordained Licentiate Gilbert R. Brackett to the full work of the Ministry and installed him Pastor over Third Creek Churches; that on the 27th of May, they installed the Rev. Wm. M. Paxton Pastor over the Bethlehem Church; that on the 18th day of July 1864 they lost by death the Rev. D. H. Lafferty, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery; that on the 1st of September 1864 they dissolved the Pastoral relation between the Rev. Robt. Burwell and the Church of Deep Creek, and declared said Church vacant; that on the 3rd day of September 1864 they licensed John J. Kennedy to preach the Gospel as a Probationer for the Holy Ministry. By order of Presbytery.

Salisbury N. C.
October 14th 1864

J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

Report on Systematic Benevolence from the Presbytery of Concord to the Synod of North Carolina for the year 1864.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the Synod of North Carolina, that the number of contributing Churches has been diminished this year, as claimed from the Statistical Reports, by about 33 per cent. while the amount of the contributions has been increased about 100 per cent. These facts will be known from the following statement.

22 out of 71 Churches it is reported that
30 churches gave to Domestic Missions $40.2.00

17 Churches gave to Foreign Missions $ 1325.00
13 " " the cause of Education $ 3224 00
24 " " " Publication $ 1145.00
4 " " " to Ch. Extension $ 62.00
Added together these make $ 10596.00
against the contributions of last year "13 $ 5223.00
The Churches also contributed to the Presbyterial fund $ 303.00
" " Congregational purposes $ 30073.00
" " to Miscellaneous Objects $ 3512.00
This added to the benevolent causes, viz. $ 10596.00
and we will have a grand total of $ 55204.00
reported as given by our Churches to the support of the gospel at home, and the diffusion of the knowledge of Christ abroad.

While it is refreshing to see an enlargement in the actual amounts contributed, the fact that fewer churches contributed this year than last year, and that the currency has depreciated in value more than 40 percent since the last report constrains us to lament that the most favorable construction could only determine the grade of benevolence to be stationary. It is to be feared that one great cause of failure in benevolent contributions is in the neglect on the part of Pastors and Stated Supplies to present the causes to the Churches. Experience proves that the Churches will give something to each of these objects when fairly presented, however small. Respectfully submitted
Salisbury N. C. Oct. 24. 1864. J. Rumple, Stated Clerk.

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the Records of Concord Presbytery, recommend that they be approved.
Greensboro A. G. Hughes Moderator.
October 27th 1864.

Greensboro Thursday October 27th 1864

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment at the call of the last Moderator present, the Rev. R. Z. Johnston, and was constituted with prayer.
Present, Ministers-
Rev. Messrs. Jesse Rankin, D. A. Penick, Sen. E. T. Rockwell N. S. Clark Iredell, Walter W. Pharr, A. S. Davis & E. Pharr, D. D. J. Rumple, Wm. W. Pharr, D. A. Penick jun. H. B. Watts, R. Z. Johnston, S. C. Alexander, Wm. M. Kilpatrick, A. E. Anderson, Wm. McDonald, and Gilbert A. Brackett.
Ruling Elders-
L. C. Kirkpatrick, W. C. Mitchell, Wm. McKee, John A. Young, John R. Graham, J. L. Beatty and D. A. Burke.

A letter was read from the Session of the Bethel Church consenting to a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between the Rev. A. E. Anderson and said Church. Mr. Anderson having asked for this dissolution, and given satisfactory reasons therefor the Presbytery granted the petition, and directed the Rev. Thos E. Davis to preach in said Church and declare it vacant.

The Rev. A. E. Anderson signified his willingness to accept the call from the Concord Town Church, previously placed in his hands for consideration.

The Rev. Messrs. A. S. Davis and D. A. Penick jun. and Ruling Elder, A. L. Locke, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the installation of Mr. Anderson over the Church of Concord Town.

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The following report was made and adopted, viz:-
The committee appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Rev. R. F. Anderson, over the Church of Concord Town beg leave to make the following report, viz:-

That the installation take place on the Saturday before the 2nd Sabbath in Jan 1865; that the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick preach the Sermon, propound and propose the constitutional question and that the Rev. R. J. Johnston be his alternate; that the Rev. C. Scott Kriner charge the people and the Rev. A. Sinclair be his alternate; that the Rev. Wm. S. Mood be requested to charge the Pastor and the Rev. D. A. Penick Sen. be his alternate.

(Signed) R. H. Davis
D. F. Penick Jun.
A. J. Cooke

The Stated Clerk read a paper from the Bethel Presbytery replying to the request sent to them by the Concord Presbytery, which is as follows;

The committee to whom was referred the "paper" from the Concord Presbytery would recommend the following reply-

"The Bethel Presbytery would respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the paper adopted at their fall Sessions, and in reply would state that there are so many delicate questions connected with the subject submitted to us, we would ask the indulgence of the Concord Presbytery in taking immediate action on the subject. We have appointed a committee

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to investigate the subject, and report at a future meeting.

The Clerk was directed to forward the above reply to the Concord Presbytery-

Chester C. H. (Signed) Jas. E. White
Oct. 10th 1864 Clerk

The Stated Clerk was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the reply from the Bethel Presbytery, and to answer that the Concord Presbytery cordially accedes to the desire of the Bethel Presbytery for longer time to consummate its delicate work, and that we will await their action at the next meeting.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, henceforward with prayer.

Saturday, October 29th 1864
1 o'clock P. M.

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator, and was opened with prayer.

Dr. Chapman from the committee appointed to take the testimony of Wm. Dickson, Esq. in the case of Davis and Hutchison versus Stewart reported that after giving due notice to the accused, the committee met in Hendersonville, and adjourned over until they could meet the witness; when it was found that the witness persistently refused to testify in the case.

On motion Dr. R. H. Chapman, the Rev. W. S. Mood, and Ruling Elder, A. J. Summey were appointed a committee to take the testimony of the Rev. John L. Dawson and Dr. W. Lowe, Editor of the Hendersonville Times'

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The Presbytery took a recess to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Saturday, Oct 29th 1864
5 o'clock, P.M.

After recess the Presbytery met, and proceeded to business. On motion, the Assessment on the Churches for Commissioners' Fund and other purposes, was increased fifty per cent. and the Stated clerk was ordered to to publish the increased assessments in the N. C. Presbyterian.

The minutes of all the meetings held during the sessions of the Synod were read and approved.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Providence Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in April 1865 at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer

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